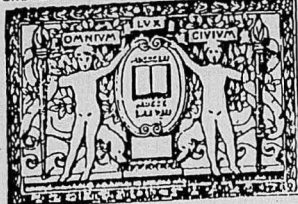


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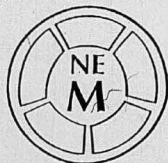


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DELAY WORK ON BRIDGE JOB

Housing Committee on the Job

List of Candidates Steadily Growing for Coming City Primary

Flood Will Not Run--Polled Record Vote for First Year Candidate Two Years Ago

Perhaps the most peculiar thing about the hubbub over the democratic candidates for mayor is the fact that we read practically nothing about the attitude of the standard bearer in 1935. Charlie Flood appears to fill the role of the forgotten man insofar as mention of his name by the politicians and the newspapers is concerned.

The democratic nominee for mayor two years ago polled 7200 votes, the greatest number of ballots ever cast for a first-year candidate in any similar primary. Yet little or no speculation has been spent on whether or not Charlie Flood will again be in the race this year. He has been judged and found innocent in the court of public opinion in the controversy that arose two years ago when the payroll of the street department exceeded the appropriation.

However, Charlie Flood will not be a candidate for mayor this year. He made this known in a flat statement to the Free Press earlier in the week.

The complete list of all candidates who have taken out nomination papers for school committee and city council follows:

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clement G. McDonough, 727 Bridge, Dem.; Alice Sheehan Dec, 153 Dartmouth St, Dem.; Arthur E. McGlinchey, 13 Elm St., Dem.

COUNCILLORS-AT-LARGE

Mary Walsh Brennan, 437 E. Merrimack St., Rep.; James H. Broonan, 190 White St., Dem.; Joseph Pectara Cornea, 104 Lawrence St., Rep.; Bertram F. Conway, 16 Chamber St., Dem.; Victor L. Picard, 182 4th Ave., Rep.; Leo P. Dalley, 192 Chelmsford St., Dem.; Claudia Rivet Bagley, 701 Merrimack St., Rep.; George Patrakos, 1 Suffolk Court, Dem.; John Martin Sousa, 63 Lawrence St., Rep.; Russell M. Howes, 137 Stackpole St., Dem.; William R. Griffin, 12 Nesmith St., Dem.; Firno Correa, 90 Appleton St., Dem.; Wm. F. Green, 16 Daly St., Rep.; Bertrand H. Durgan, Jr., 11 Crane St., Rep.

Charles M. Irwin, 69 Royal St., Dem.; Robert J. Armstrong, 680 E. Merrimack St., Dem.; Henry F. Sullivan, 32 Waite St., Dem.; William J. O'Brien, 242 Mt. Hope St., Dem.

WARD COUNCILLORS

Ward 1--Thomas F. Joyce, 422 High St., Dem.;
Ward 2--Peter Zyc, 237 Broadway, Dem.; James Kourkoulakos, 451 Adams St., Dem.

Ward 3--Prescott Buzzell, 2 Branch Place, Rep.; Bertrand H. Durgan, Sr., 14 Crane St., Rep.; Wm. A. Johnston, 194 Branch St., Rep.; Charles E. Birkenhead, 272 Walker St., Rep.; Norman M. Logan, 351 Walker St., Dem.

Ward 4--James E. Felton, 45 Inland St., Dem.; Harlan J. Barnes, 21 Morey St., Rep.; Edgar L. Mevis, 21 Bradstreet Ave., Dem.; John J. Barter, 42 Broadbent St., Dem.; John H. Becht, 47 Plain St., Dem.; Thomas Garrity, 392 Chelmsford St., Dem.; Forrest A. Rogers, 118 S. Walker St., Rep.

Ward 5--Arthur J. Betonecourt, 449 Lakeview Ave., Dem.; Ernest Andrew Mercier, 62 Ludlam St., Rep.; Victor J. Jodoin, 3 Dana St., Rep.

Ward 6--Leo Roy, 80 Endicott St., Rep.; Emil H. Daigle, 753 Moody St., Rep.; Wilfred Robarge, 14 Endicott St., Dem.; John T. Gralton, 175 Avon St., Dem.; Alired L. Dion, 783 Moody St., Rep.; Emil Trudel, 72 Sparks St., Rep.

Ward 7--Albert Brunelle, 7 Mt. Washington St., Rep.; Joseph T. Dussault, 26 James St., Rep.

Ward 8--John B. Caddell, 62 Norcross St., Rep.

Ward 9--William B. Lynch, 139 Jewett St., Dem.; William C. Breene, 134 6th St., Dem.

Ward 10--David McGaughey, 49 Lyons St., Dem.; George F. Callahan, 147 Pleasant St., Dem.; Edward F. Marshall, 15 Whipple St., Dem.

Ward 11--Thomas F. Mahar, 1204 Gorham St., Dem.; Bartholomew J. Callery, Jr., 9 Bourne St., Dem.; Wm. M. Horgan, 22 Bleachery St., Dem.; Joseph P. Noonan, 11 Crowley St., Dem.; George Lacey, 714 Lawrence St., Dem.

Among First To File Project Application

The Federal Housing committee is to be congratulated on the manner in which it has arisen to the present situation and the speedy steps it has taken to derive every possible advantage from the pending legislation in Washington that seems certain to soon become law.

The local committee moved swiftly months ago to place Lowell's application for a housing project before federal officials. In fact, Lowell's application for \$3,000,000 was among the first half-dozen received from all sections of the country.

John J. McPadden, clerk of the committee, was dispatched to Washington over a week ago by the local committee in order to be right on the scene as soon as the measure, already approved by the senate, shall be passed by the house.

Johnnie McPadden has been closeted with Mrs. Rogers and both Massachusetts senators since he arrived in Washington. His conversations with the national legislators have dealt with Lowell's claim for fair treatment in the distribution of federal money for housing projects.

If Lowell is successful in receiving its requested three millions for the construction of new dwellings a distinct boom in the building trades will be experienced here. According to information furnished the Free Press, the local project will be based on the plans utilized by the city of Cambridge in the section built up there near central square.

Francis H. McGurn, a member of the local committee, returned from Washington Thursday. Mr. McGurn has been over on his time and at his own expense assisting Johnnie McPadden in making contacts in the capital.

With so much at stake for Lowell Labor it is pleasant to contemplate that nothing has been left undone in the committee's effort to bring about the acceptance of its application for funds.

Lowell's Federal Housing Committee is composed of Homer W. Bourgeois, president; John A. McGuire, vice-president; John Dwyer, John J. Regan, Francis W. McGurn and John J. McPadden, clerk.

The Lowell project, as proposed by the local committee, embraced a program that will demand a building cost of approximately \$1100 per room on the smaller units. This estimate ensures the employment of stone masons, carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, plasterers, electricians, painters, etc., at prevailing union wages.

Importance of Early Completion Of Project Apparently Ignored

Closing of Main Traffic Artery to Centralville an Inconvenience of Major Proportions Should Be Reopened as Soon as Possible

Why is it that more speed isn't being made on the Central Bridge project? Lowell's most irritating problem today revolves around the closing of one of its principal traffic arteries. Since they tore up Central bridge and suspended a hammock for foot passage across the river at this point the normal business of the area affected has been interrupted and the entire traffic system of the city thrown out of gear.

Yet speed in the construction of the new bridge appears to be a negligent issue with the construction company. The first two weeks that Coleman Bros. were at work after the closing of the bridge everything moved along swiftly.

However, the hurry-up aspect of the job soon slowed down in its tempo. For the past ten days only two men have been employed on the bridge, the steam shovel operator and a truck driver.

With the need so apparent for rushing the work along and completing the new bridge span as quickly as possible it appears strange that so little interest is exhibited.

Passing The Buck

The contractors blame the city for the delay. It seems that Coleman Bros. offered \$3000 for the steel that was ripped off the old structure. This offer the city refused, accepting instead a bid of \$12 a ton for the junked steel.

The purchaser, however, failed to truck off the steel and Coleman Bros. claim that this pile of old superstructure parts has interfered with their progress. Although no confirmation can be had on the subject, it is rumored that while the controversy raged between city officials and the contractors some cute party slipped up on somebody's blind side and trucked off part of the junk pile on the bridge abutments.

Coleman Bros. have brought up one of their huge cranes and installed it on the east bank of the river. But they have no operator for the crane. All of their men who handle these intricate hoisting contraptions are at present busy on more important jobs, it appears. But they are certainly not more important than is the speedy construction of Central bridge to Lowell people!

The steam hammer used for driving piles should have arrived here two weeks ago and might have been at work even before the steam shovel finished fiddling around with

the debris at the base of the center support.

If the contractors are not interested in the early completion of the bridge Lowell people are. The closing of Bridge street is more than a nuisance, it's downright ruinous to business along this thoroughfare and of great inconvenience to motorists who must cross into Centralville.

If this lackadaisical attitude isn't quickly corrected much unnecessary delay will be experienced in the job's completion. If it is the fault of the contractors they should be jacked up and made to step on it. But wherever the hitch lies let's have it corrected. We want Central bridge finished and thrown open to traffic at the earliest possible time and the people most effected by the closing of this river span are fast losing patience at the present slow progress of the work.

Citizens Irate Over Printing Of Tax List

It is said that a group of citizens who have become more than somewhat agitated over the expose of The Free Press anent the failure to print the tax list as decreed by law have interested themselves in the discussion of mandamus proceedings to force the publication of five thousand copies of the complete property assessments.

This move on the part of aggrieved tax payers may come as a surprise to the administration, although Mayor Archambault must realize how keenly the majority of the people feel that they are being denied their lawfully granted privilege of looking over every tax bill in the city.

The secretary of the taxpayers association might do well to add this item to his program of reforms. It seems strange, indeed, that the spokesman of this organization, who apparently holds the welfare of Lowell and Lowell people so dear, did not long ago realize that the printing of the entire tax list is of utmost interest and basic importance to practically everybody in the community.

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PRINT THAT TAX LIST

Last week's edition of The Free Press had hardly "hit the street," when phone calls began to come through from men and women praising the article dealing with the failure in recent years of the biennial tax report. The calls increased in number until they assumed the nature of a barrage.

We were convinced that the people of Lowell wanted to scan the tax list or the story would not have been given the prominence it received. The interest that the topic developed among our readers simply endorsed our analysis.

People want to know the truth—the whole truth and not half-truths—about assessments in this city. Their right to this information is quite apparent.

The cost of printing the 5000 copies of the tax list for distribution to the public, first-come-first-served style, is very little when compared to the need for these books. The estimated cost is an item of some \$2600.

There seems to be a decided stubbornness exerted against the publication of the tax list. Certainly the cost is not the real reason the public has been denied the privilege of looking over the individual assessments and taxes for the past fourteen years. That excuse, surely, is a trifle too flimsy for us to take at its face value. Let's have a look at that tax list!

WHERE'S THE DIFFERENCE

Quite frequently we note that certain local forces in various communities resent the bringing in of outside labor leaders in disputes between the worker and his employer. Sometimes the case arises when a strike is called; at other times an antipathy may be shown toward persons called in from other cities by employees to organize a union.

So long as outside union representatives comport themselves in a respectable manner it seems peculiar that their activities should be resented. Labor certainly does not care to place irresponsible agitators at the helm in an organization crisis or at any other time.

find with the system now in vogue here with the Taxpayers' ing in leaders from other cities appear to have no fault to find. The same ones who find cause for complaint in Labor bring-Association. The leader of this organization is not a Lowell man. Nor was his predecessor!

JOBS NOT THE SAME

There are plenty of Lowell men who could fill the post of secretary for the taxpayers group. The truth of this statement has been proved in the past. There are also plenty of able men to be found among Lowell Labor to accept and capably fill any position of trust or responsibility. But there the similarity between the two jobs ends.

The secretary of the Taxpayers' Association exposes himself to nothing but the criticism of those whom he may argue should be stricken from the city payroll or have their salaries cut. The deeper his argument bites the more commendation he receives from his employers.

But in the case of the Labor leader in a crisis his job is often at stake. In more than a few cases he has been discharged. Sometimes he has been placed on an employers' blacklist and found it impossible to find a job in his particular vicinity.

or that reason Labor very sensibly calls in outside leaders in a crisis.

UNIONISM IS SENSIBLE

The person who conscientiously believes that Labor should not organize is stupid. The argument used by that great colonial statesman, Patrick Henry, when he said, "United we stand, divided we fall" holds true today in the case of the working class of men and women. Organization is the only method by which a uniform standard can be established. Professional men organize for the same purpose. The doctor belongs to the American Medical Association which sets up a certain code of ethics for the profession. The lawyer who does not belong to the Bar Association is regarded in the community as one to be avoided. He, too, is bound to honor a certain standard of fixed regulations in the conduct of his practice.

Why, then, should not every working man and woman believe in organized Labor? Why should not every wage earner feel it his or her duty to belong to a unit of organized Labor? If the prospective member of a Labor union finds cause to criticize the conduct of that union the best manner in which to correct whatever faults may exist is from within, not stand on the outside and condemn. And by the same token, the employer should welcome the union that is under capable, sane management. The smarter employer does.

Centralville Section

A Community in Itself

Approximately one-third of Lowell's population resides in Centralville. . . Separated from the rest of the city by the Merrimack river the people of this section feel a certain amount of isolation. Perhaps, for this reason, Centralville folks may be called rather Centralville conscious. They take pride in their district and in their neighbors to a marked degree. . . It was over 30 years ago when "Bill" Noonan opened his drug store at the corner of First and Bridge streets. The late Dr. Pillsbury wrote out the first prescription to be filled at Noonan's Drug Store, by the way. . . "Archie" Keith's market at the corner of Bridge and Sixth was first opened 32 years ago.

You wouldn't think it but "Chick" Thompson, the burly police officer, once represented St. Dominic in the May procession of St. Michael's parochial school. . . "Johnny" Inglis has been established in the Centralville meat and grocery trade for more than a quarter-century. The Inglis firm is located on West Sixth street where "Johnny," Jr. is asso-

ciated with his dad. . . Do you remember when Bill McKenzie and Ernie Mooney were conductors on the Hovey Sq. line?

The John P. Hall Co. has passed its 28th birthday as a Centralville Liquor dispensary, the oldest in the district. And you'd never suspect that Johnny is old enough to be the father of those strapping Hall boys. . . Russ Scott is bound to make a success of the long established Fred Baldwin hardware store. His friends are legion and he knows the business thoroughly, in fact Russ grew up with it. . . Ray Moore, the ice-man, once weighed sweets at the now defunct Miller's candy store. . . George Perrault, the present proprietor of the George O. Perrault market, has followed in his father's footsteps, the founder of the business. This concern has a long record of honorable dealings with the public of Centralville.

Dr. Tom Donnelly and Bill Shea are two of the many graduates of Bill Noonan's Drug Store. Doc and Bill were clerks there at the same time. . . D. D. Smith's sea food is

sought by the selective buyers from every section of the city. . . Do you remember when Charlie McKenzie was a member of the school board—the late Johnny Salmon was commissioner of the Fire and Water departments—and when Headmaster Henry H. Harris of the high school was principal of the Varnum school? . . . The reason why Jim McNamara has made such a success of his real estate brokerage business is mainly due to his personal popularity and his eternal hustle.

Fr. Healey, O. P. preached his first Mission at good St. Michael's 27 years ago—since then St. Michael's has given Fr. Morris, Fr. Barrett, Fr. Foley, Fr. Mitchell, Fr. Sullivan, Fr. Hyde, Fr. Conlon to the Dominican Order of Preachers. . . And Rev. John J. Shaw, revered Pastor of St. Michael's, still watches of his flock.

Do you remember when Foisy's bake shop was on Aiken Ave. . . Jacques Boisvert was a prominent contractor in Lower Centralville. . . Tim O'Neill was a star runner. . . Hon. John Sparks was state senator. . . Tom Callahan and Joe Riley were the tellers at the Lowell Trust Co. . . Mary Rourke, a pupil at St. Michael's won the Lowell Day Medal. . . The late Ambrose Creamer patrolled Bridge Street. . . and Owen Nerney was a professional boxer?

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MEN AND AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON

★ National Topics Interpreted by ★
WILLIAM BRUCKART ★

Washington.—President Roosevelt stated to the newspaper correspondents in his press conference the other day that crop control must be brought back. He said it with some emphasis. Within a few days before that, he had given his approval to a bill placing a minimum on wages and a maximum on hours in which labor could work in industries whose productions enter into interstate commerce.

The President was not specific as to details of the legislation in either case but it is important to note that he has reaffirmed his position on these two principles for it is to be remembered that both the NRA and the AAA were thrown out by the Supreme court a long time ago, and the President seeks now to restore them in another form.

This circumstance would seem to confirm assertions that have been made in various quarters lately that the President wants to maintain a "planned economy" for this country. It would seem that he is determined to go ahead along those lines and that his program for reorganizing the Supreme court was a part and parcel of the scheme. In other words, the President's new declaration about crop control and wages and hours and his support of the Wagner housing bill represent a return to the original theories which he held for "remaking" our nation.

After discussing these circumstances pro and con with proponents as well as opponents in the congress, the conclusion is inescapable that Mr. Roosevelt and his advisers are headed into new ground. They desire evidently to make the federal government the most important factor in our national life and to set aside little by little the functions of state and local governments by their course of action.

Undoubtedly there is strong argument for the policies they have adopted; certainly, there are many functions which the national government can perform more effectively and more efficiently than they can be performed by state governments, and equally, it is true that some phases of our national life should not be subjected to the influence of state lines. On the other hand, there surely is valid reason why Washington bureaucrats should not be allowed to interfere in the daily practices and convictions of individuals.

The reason I believe all of this is so important now is that always there has been a tendency of federal functions to expand. To say this in another way: Federal officials from the lowest to the highest seem to be equipped with a particular faculty for delegating to themselves additional authority as soon as they are accorded power. What the country should fear then, it seems to me, is the steady encroachment upon the rights of states and thereafter the rights of individuals. Perhaps I should have reversed the order and should have said, first, encroachment upon the rights of individuals and, second, thereafter encroachment upon the rights of states.

To get down to cases in application of the principles discussed above, let us consider the wages and hours bill.

That measure shows how this encroachment takes place and gives a rather clear picture of the expansive nature of federal policies.

The wages and hours bill first creates a labor standards board. It is circumscribed by certain limitations which say that it cannot fix wages above forty cents per hour nor can it reduce the number of working hours per week below forty. Fur-

ther, a great number of lines of work are exempted from jurisdiction of the board—work of a seasonal character, farm labor, labor in certain specified industries which obviously cannot be subject to regulation without destruction of the business itself. Besides these restrictions, there is an implied warning in the bill against sudden or abrupt changes in business practices that would dislocate industrial operation or curtail employment.

These delimitations would seem to leave the board without a great deal of authority. Such, however, is not the case. Among those industries remaining under the jurisdiction of the board, there is yet as much power as obtained under NRA and its codes which were so hidebound and so inelastic that thousands of firms were in open rebellion against the restrictions unless they were able to pass on the higher costs resulting from these restrictions, to the public. That is, unless they could make the consumer pay the added cost, they faced eventual bankruptcy.

I do not say that the labor standards board as now conceived will go as far as the NRA codes but experience with the present national labor relations board indicates that the public should expect the maximum exercise of power instead of any middle of the road policies. The labor relations board has become a festering sore on private initiative. Business interests everywhere, while being pounded on the back by the administration to employ more workers, are kept in a constant state of confusion by the bias of the board. This is the board which was designed by Senator Wagner, of New York, to maintain peace between labor and employers. If the labor standards board can use the discretionary powers accorded it and can proceed in correcting abuses of labor as rapidly as is "economically feasible," it may be able to develop better conditions in industry. But such language as the words "economically feasible," are subject to all kinds of interpretation and if the membership of the labor standards board happens to include some rad-

ical labor leader, most anything will be economically feasible.

It is from such quirks of law that bureaucrats expand their powers.

But there is yet another phase of this policy that demands consideration. While the United States is one unit under the federal government, it is made up of a number of sectional units, and each sectional unit comprises a number of states and even each state in some cases embraces subdivisions whose practices in business and living traditions are as different as day and night.

Another Phase
A regulation as to the fairness of hours or wages in New England may be, and probably would be, wholly inapplicable in Alabama or Georgia. A regulation that would operate satisfactorily in Pennsylvania may be, and probably would be, completely sour in the Pacific coast states. Yet this board cannot administer its regulations on a piece-meal basis; they must apply to the whole country and it is only fair to assume from the existing facts that where as rulings may be advantageous to some sections of labor, they might completely destroy other sections of labor. The same results can be expected from the effects of these rulings on the employers, except that where the effect is adverse on employers businesses can be driven into bankruptcy—and the jobs they provided disappear.

The initial operations of the board and the law probably will not create a great deal of dissension. But

Both Sides Will Back
there will be disgruntled groups of workers and there will be dissatisfied employers who will seek exemption or changes or special consideration by regulation. In some cases, obviously, the board will issue new rules. As likely as not those new rules will upset some other group or region or section and they will demand consideration.

Just here, it might be recalled how under the AAA crop control law, wheat, cotton and corn were originally considered but tobacco had to have protection and rice and potatoes and peanuts, and every other farm product had its champions battling for consideration before the Supreme court held that the law with its processing taxes was an invalid delegation of power by congress.

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THE HUNDRED-DOLLAR SALAD

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HENRY THATCHER felt a sort of thrill of satisfaction the first time the newcomer, Martha Ives, was seated beside him at the boarding house. It was a case of love at first sight, but Henry did feel a kind of yearning to tell the rest of the boarding house crowd that here was a girl he really admired.

SHORT STORY
The remarks exchanged between Martha and Henry were brief and fragmentary. He told her with some apologies that he had a hardware store. He tried to find out what she did, but she just said she "worked in an office." Then one of the boarders let it drop that this Martha worked as an editor of the Home Helper—most popular woman's magazine among the feminine contingency of the boarding house. But Martha would not discuss her work.

Henry felt a deep desire to read anything that Martha might have written, or even anything that Martha might have edited; so since Martha would not discuss her work he read every word of the magazine that nearly put him to sleep as he sat in his room before retiring.

He read how to make attractive table decorations out of old burnt matches and new potatoes; how to minister to your children when teething; he informed himself on the latest thing in vanity bags for evening; he studied the vitamin content of an average American dinner. But all the time he did not even admit to himself that he was in love with Martha. He just approved of her.

One day at dinner Henry was wishing that he was a glib sort of man who could chatter idly with a girl until somehow he had brought up the question of the new plays, and had asked her to go to see a show with him—or else that Martha was a little more talkative. He had eaten his tablespoon or so of lukewarm soup, had managed to eat the corn beef, cabbage and mashed turnips and was now wondering whether there would be lemon meringue pie or Brown Betty. Idly he pushed aside his dish of salad, a few durable looking pieces of lettuce, two thin slices of anemic tomato and a dab of very stiff, very pale mayonnaise.

"Oh, you ought to eat your salad," reproved Martha. "I noticed that you have pushed it back before, and I intend to scold you. You won't have enough vitamins unless you eat something fresh and green."

HENRY'S heart missed a beat or two. To think that this wonderful girl actually noticed what he ate or didn't eat—to think that she was interested! So they fell to talking of salad. Henry said he liked a good salad, all made with nice crisp, curly lettuce leaves, with a well-mixed French dressing, but that he could get along without this boarding-house mixture.

Weeks sped on, and the acquaintance ripened, very, very, slowly. Henry Thatcher ate his lettuce devoutly, no matter how tough and green the leaves were that fell to his lot. Meantime they sat side by side and each wished that the other was more responsive.

Then on opening a new issue of the Home Helper, Henry Thatcher turned to a full page devoted to the merits of salads. He thought he detected some suggestion of Martha's personality in the wording of it. There was a discussion of various sorts of salads, and finally an offer of a hundred-dollar prize for an original salad that, in the estimation of the editors, was the best submitted. A month later when the contest closed Henry Thatcher was much surprised to have Martha Ives rap at the door.

She told him of their salad contest. "We had a clerk open mail from all contestants and copy the recipes without letting us editors see the name or address of the person. We didn't want to be prejudiced in any way. After long deliberation

we decided on your salad! After we had narrowed down to twenty-five, we had them all made and then tasted them, and your salad was chosen by unanimous vote—before we even knew that a man had originated it. The mixture of grapefruit and pickled beets—and that delicious dressing. It was wonderful! How did you ever think of it?"

HENRY THATCHER looked fussed, looked at the ceiling, and then looked at Martha. "Well, I just made it up out of whole cloth," he said. "I'd no idea what it would taste like. I just read a recipe book and found out what sort of things had been used together before and made up something a little different. It might have tasted like the dickens."

"But it didn't," said Martha. "And the hundred dollar prize is coming to you."

"If I had my way," he said, "that hundred dollars would go with a few hundred besides to buy an engagement ring for the girl I want to marry."

Just what Martha said and what Henry said next they both soon forgot, but by the time they had gone out to dinner that night plans were made for a wedding in the spring.

Trees Make Best Growth During Spring, Summer

We all notice the sprouting of new leaves and twigs, but very few people know just how trees grow.

The general idea is that trees grow steadily from spring on into the autumn, but experiments show that 90 per cent of the growth is accomplished in spring and early summer.

A delicate instrument called the dendrograph, rather like those revolving charts which record the ups and downs of the barometer from hour to hour, shows that the trunk of a tree swells at night and shrinks in the daytime, according to a writer in Pearson's London Weekly.

During the day, when the leafy branches are exposed to sunshine and warm currents of air, the watery sap evaporates rapidly from the leaves. The roots cannot draw up water from the soil fast enough to make the loss good and this causes the trunk to shrink. But at night, when it is cooler, the water supply functions again and the elastic wood expands.

The daily changes in the diameter of the trunk vary from about one thousand two hundred fiftieth to about one-two hundredth, but on cool or wet days the trunk is that much broader than it is when the day is hot and dry.

SNACK BY WAYSIDE



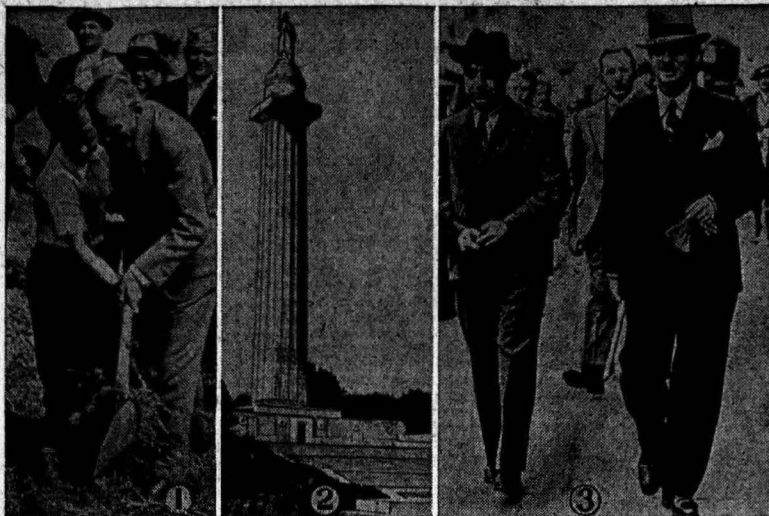
This novel idea for hikers—small clips which hold plates and saucers attached to a walking stick—is the invention of Mr. Gerhold, a Londoner, and it is patented all over the world. The materials for the ideal luncheon table, excepting the walking stick, are conveniently carried in the rucksack.

Oldest Japanese Climbs Mt. Fuji



HERE is Mr. Tiochiro Ito, one hundred ten years old, said to be the oldest living person in Japan, dressed in the typical outfit for Fuji climbers. Mr. Ito had Vice Admiral Toshitake Iwamura, seventy-two years old, as his companion. He recently ascended Mt. Fuji, not an easy task for a young person.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Henry Ford who celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday by breaking ground for the new Dearborn Veterans hospital at Detroit for which he donated a 38-acre site. 2—War memorial designed by John Russell Pope and built by the United States government in memory of America's dead in the World war which was dedicated recently by Gen. John J. Pershing at Montfaucon, France. 3—King Carol of Rumania, who was a recent visitor in London, shown walking along Regent street.

Aerial Nurses Fly on Their Errands of Mercy



In chic blue uniforms and overseas caps, the newly formed organization of flying trained nurses are seen holding inspection at Burbank, Calif. With specially equipped ambulance ships members of the Aerial Nurses Corps of America will be ready to fly on every type of aerial errand of mercy.

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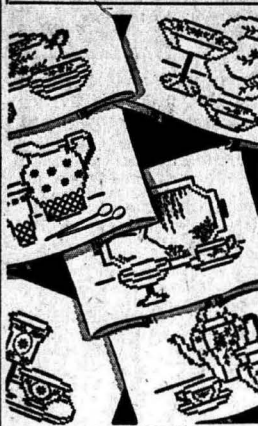
An equestrian statue of the Victor of the Marne, designed by Maxime Real del Sarte, which will be placed in one of the squares of Paris as a memorial to the French World war general.

Huge Plow Will Cut Six-Foot Furrow



Huge plow constructed at a cost of \$3,400 which is designed to cut furrows six feet deep. It will be used in the Santa Ana river plain of California to recover rich loam soil buried under sand deposits by the 1916 flood. The machine will be pulled by two 95-horse-power Diesel-driven caterpillar tractors. The share will be nosed into and pulled from the earth by a powerful hydraulic hoist mounted on top of the frame.

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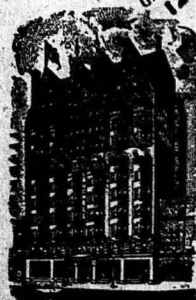
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"Terror in Old Mexico"

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HERE'S a yarn from Emil Berg of Brooklyn, N. Y.—the story of how, in November, 1927, he faced one of the most terrible fates any man can imagine. You know, in Russia the worst sentence a man can be given is a stretch in the horrible salt mines of Siberia.

Most prisoners in the salt mines die from the hardships. Those who do return come back gaunt and wasted—mere shadows of the men they were when they went in. But down in Mexico they have salt-mine prisons which, I'm told, are even worse than the ones in Siberia. They say that no gaunt and wasted men return from those mines. In fact, they say that the men who go down in them never come back at all.

And that's where they were going to send Emil Berg!

It happened while Emil was in the army down on the border. He was stationed in Laredo, Texas, with the "Fourth Field" and he says the boys used to go across the river to get a drink of Mexican beer now and then, because in those days we had prohibition in the states, and beer was harder to get this side of the border.

Emil Laid Out a Bad Mexican.

On the night of November 1, Emil was in Nuevo Laredo, over on the Mexican side, having a drink or two. About eight o'clock he started for camp again, but on his way to the international bridge across the Rio Grande an ominous looking individual stepped out of the bushes at a deserted spot and asked Emil what his name was.

Emil had been doing some boxing in the Fort McIntosh bowl and was pretty well known in Laredo. At first he thought that this fellow had recognized him and—well—just wanted to talk. But suddenly the Mexican reached for his hip and Emil found himself looking into the business end of a forty-five.

He started to put up his hands, but the Mexican chose that moment to turn his head and take a quick glance down the street. It only took a second, but Emil saw his chance. He put his whole hundred and fifty-eight pounds behind a well-timed haymaker. It caught the Mexican on the chin and he slumped to the ground. Emil bent down and picked up his gun, tossed it into the bushes and continued on his way.

He walked on toward the international bridge, strolling along in a leisurely fashion—taking his time about it. But when he got there he



It caught the Mexican on the chin and he slumped.

wished he had hurried. For there was his friend the Mexican, who had taken a short cut and beaten him to the bridge, talking to the Mexican soldiers guarding the Mexican end of the span. They grabbed Emil. Emil yelled for the American sentry on the Texas side, but the sentry didn't hear him. The soldiers hustled him off to the local jail and threw him into a cell.

Sentenced to the Salt Mines.

The next morning they hauled Emil into court, and there he learned that his Mexican friend was accusing him of hitting him for no reason whatever. What made matters worse was that Emil had broken the Mexican's jaw with his haymaker. He told his side of the story, but the Mexicans refused to believe it because they couldn't find the gun where Emil said he had tossed it.

They took him back to his cell and tried to make him sign some papers written in Spanish, which Emil couldn't read. For three days they urged and coaxed and threatened him to get him to sign those papers. They refused to let him communicate with his officers at Fort McIntosh, but Emil had one consolation. Soldiers in the United States army don't go across the border and just disappear without anything being done about it. They'd be looking for him by this time—and maybe they'd find him.

Emil was right. On the third day the American consul came to see him. Then Emil got the shock of his life. The consul told him he had been tried and sentenced to two years in the salt mines inland—the mines from which, people said, you never came back alive!

The consul had obtained a writ which would prevent the Mexicans taking Emil out of Laredo for a while, but he wasn't sure even then that he could save Emil from the mines. They put Emil back in the cell—and then began a period of waiting.

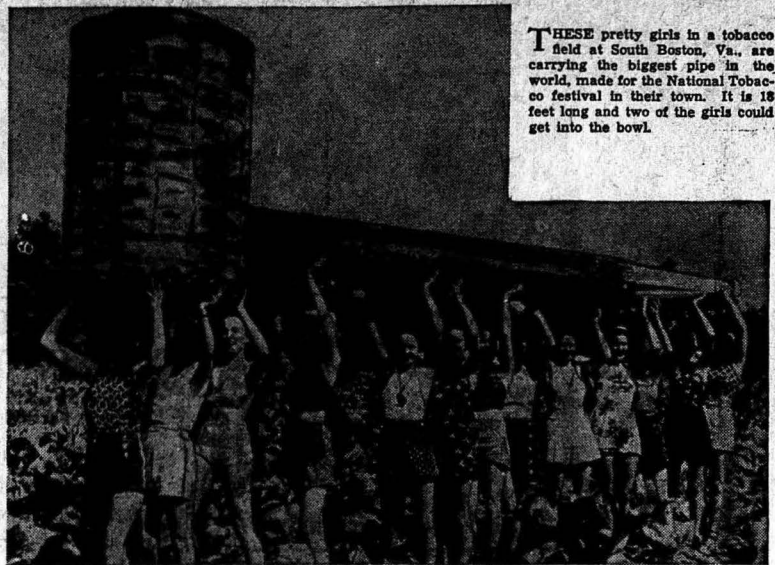
Tough Days in the Prison Cell.

Day after day went by. The uncertainty was driving Emil half crazy, but the prison itself was even worse. "There were ten of us in the cell I was in," he says, "and we were never let out for exercise, for we were considered dangerous. There were no beds. We slept on the floor. I didn't even have a blanket, but I shared my cigarettes with the Mexican prisoners and they shared their rags and blankets with me. I was getting along fine with those fellows until one night a new arrival was thrown into our dungeon.

"This newcomer was all hopped up with marihuana, and he lost no time in telling us in broken English that he hated all gringos in general and gringo soldiers in particular. So that night I had to sleep in a sitting position with my back to the wall to make sure I'd be alive the next day.

"One day there was some shooting outside the prison wall and I saw

Keep Your Eyes on the Pipe—the World's Biggest



THESE pretty girls in a tobacco field at South Boston, Va., are carrying the biggest pipe in the world, made for the National Tobacco festival in their town. It is 15 feet long and two of the girls could get into the bowl.

'WAY BACK WHEN . . . By Jeanne

FARLEY WAS ONCE A BOOK-KEEPER

NOT everyone can be an individualist and blaze his own trail to fame. Some of us are better fitted for falling into line as part of an organization. James A. Farley's rise in politics is an example of the rewards which may come to the good lieutenant.

Farley was born in 1889 in Grassy Point, N. Y., a small village on the Hudson river. There were five children, and the father was a saloon keeper. When Jim Farley was ten years old, his father died and his mother started a combination saloon and grocery store. The boy often tended bar or worked as grocery clerk on the other side of the store. Through these jobs he learned to meet the public, be

tics; and, before he was old enough to vote, he called house-to-house, getting out the Democratic vote in Stony Point.

His first political job was as town clerk of Stony Point. He was courteous to all, jolly, a hale-fellow-well-met sort of man who had a pat on the back for everyone. Through Alfred E. Smith, whom he helped elect governor of New York, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, for whom he was faithful lieutenant in the Presidential campaign, Farley forged steadily ahead. He won the top political plum in the United States, postmaster general.

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Edgar Lee Masters was born in the little town of Garnett, Kan., in 1868. His father was a descendant of old Virginia stock; his mother, the daughter of Methodist minister and descendant of Israel Putnam of American Revolutionary fame. The family moved to Petersburg, Ill., and later to Lewistown, where Edgar was raised in the typically respectable atmosphere of small town America.

He did newspaper work for the local weekly, learned the printing trade, and studied law under his father, who was one of the leading lawyers in the state. In 1891 Edgar Lee Masters was admitted to the bar and practiced in partnership with his father. The following year he opened his own office in Chicago



friendly with strangers, and show sympathy for their problems. He attended the Stony Point high school and the Packard commercial school in New York. Graduating in 1906, he was employed as a bookkeeper. Jim was always interested in poli-

the guards carry in a colored man. They took me out to talk to him as none of the guards spoke English. He had been serving a ten-day sentence for having imbibed too much tequila, and on his third day, while working in a prison gang in the street, he had made a break for the river. But one of the guards brought him down with a rifle bullet. He died as I was talking to him."

A few minutes later the American consul came rushing in to see if Emil was all right. He had heard that someone had been shot. But that was the end of Emil's troubles, and a couple of days later he was released. The consul took him home, gave him a big feed to sort of make up for the short jail rations he had been on, and drove him back to the post. And that time no one tried to high-jack them on their way across the international bridge.

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where he was a highly successful lawyer until 1920.

But even in high school, Edgar Lee Masters was interested in writing and he never forgot his ambitions. He contributed to the Waverly Magazine of Boston and the Saturday Evening Call of Peoria; he wrote poems for a Chicago newspaper. His first book, published in 1898, while he was struggling to es-



tablish a practice in Chicago, was called simply "A Book of Verses." "Songs and Sonnets" followed, but none of them attracted much attention until his "Spoon River Anthology" was published in 1915.

Those of you who lament your unexciting lives and yearn for opportunity, look at his dual personality, the poet who has won such high awards in the realms of modern literature.

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The Earliest Hoes

Since agriculture encourages fixed habitations, the hoe played a chief part in a fundamental revolution in the life of mankind—the establishment, in the new Stone Age, of permanent communities. The earliest hoes were forked sticks, and the pick is a variety of the same implement, says a writer in the Pleasure of Publishing. Antlers of animals have been used as hoes, and hoes have been made by fastening suitable shells to sticks. The hoe shared in man's progress in the use of wrought stone, copper, bronze, iron and steel. When the blade became good enough, a variety of the hoe—the adz—was used for working wood. The plow, an invention of the Bronze age, is another development of the hoe. Even today the hoe is one of the primary symbols of agriculture, despite the coming of mechanized farming. The use of the hoe, to yield plenty to households and communities, has been associated with festivals. All the staple farm crops were first domesticated by man with a hoe.



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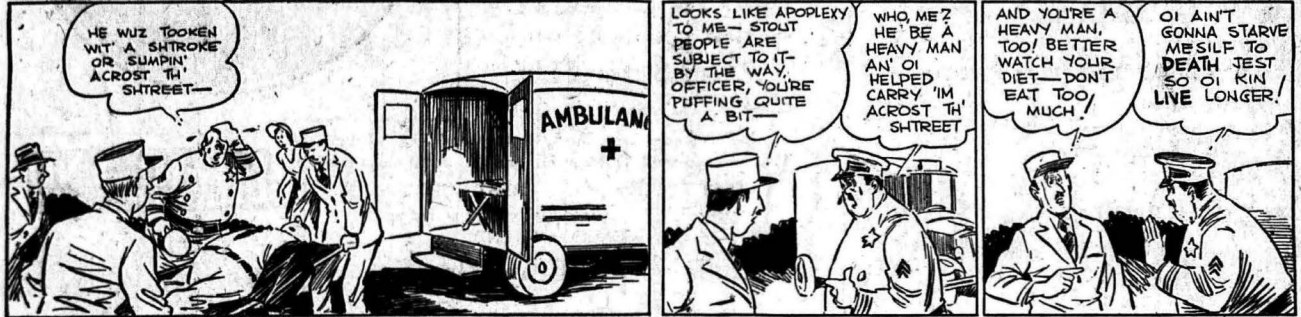
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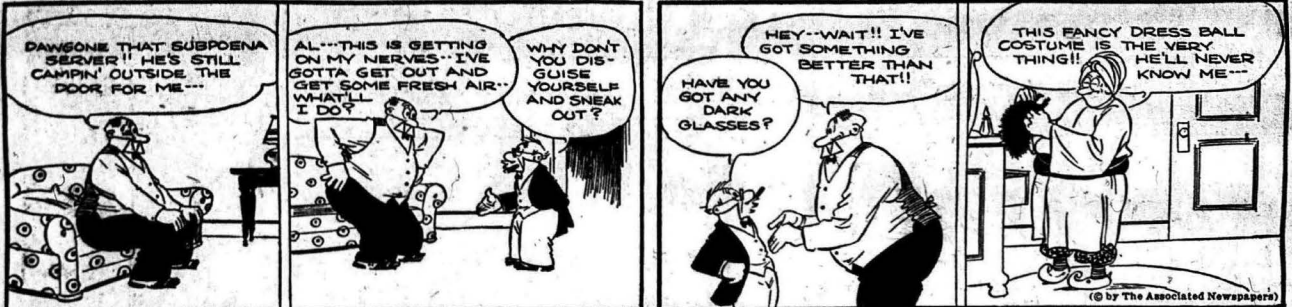
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STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

IT IS children's day in Hollywood, with contracts being signed in carload lots to exploit youngsters in films. The five tough young lads whom Sam Goldwyn imported to play in "Dead End" made such a hit at the preview that he promptly put all them under contract to make more pictures.

Their next for him will be "Street Corners" after which Mervyn Le Roy would like to borrow them for a series. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's favorite is fourteen-year-old Judy Garland. They have lined up three stories for her. Universal intends to keep Deanna Durbin very busy for the next year.

"High, Wide, and Handsome," a story of the early oil rush in Pennsylvania, is attracting attention. It more than lives up to the promise of its title, for it is spectacular, melodious and frenzied. Irene Dunne and Dorothy Lamour provide the beauty and melody; Randolph Scott, pitted against as tough a lot of villains as you ever hissed—including that incomparable Akim Tamiroff—provides the rough and ready drama.



Irene Dunne

When Frances Farmer arrived in New York, instead of pausing politely to let all the news photographers take pictures of her, she rushed off to Mount Kisco upstate to go in rehearsal for her first stage engagement. Four nights later I saw her performance and suddenly found myself wanting to burst into cheers. Playing a role quite unlike any she has done on the screen, a role simply made to order for Lupe Velez, she displayed a cat-like grace of movement, a voice musically rich, and great variety of moods.

Rubinfoff does not like to expose his priceless Stradivarius violin to brilliant studio lights any longer than is necessary, so during rehearsals and whenever he was not playing for the sound track of "You Can't Have Everything," he used a double. The husky virtuoso carries a big insurance policy on the violin and would feel lost if anything happened to it. He had it with him when he played at an open air concert on Chicago's lake front recently when more than 200,000 people listened to him.

ODDS AND ENDS — Randolph Scott attended his first film premiere in July, 1928, standing on an orange crate watching the crowds arrive to see Colleen Moore and Gary Cooper in "Lila Time." His most recent premiere found him in a choice aisle seat watching himself as star of "High, Wide and Handsome." Jack Haley has bowed out of the "Shane Boat" program but he will have one of his own very soon. Adolphe Menjou and Katharine Hepburn are bitter rivals on the golf course. Dorothy Gish, whom film fans have never forgotten, will play the lead in a Mutual Broadcasting system serial called "The Couple Next Door." When John Barrymore returns to radio, it won't be in "Shakespeare," but in "The Animal Kingdom" and "Accent on Youth," some time in September. Manville he is making a picture at RKO with Irene Dunne.

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GOOD TASTE TODAY

by EMILY POST

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Photo-Covered Walls Belong to the Past

DEAR Mrs. Post: Will you say a word or two about the good, or bad, taste of having photographs hanging in one's house? In my mother's house the chief wall ornaments were pictures of the various relatives on both sides of the family, but today, one sees so few pictures of this type that I wondered if it was no longer considered proper to have any. And if not, what is one supposed to do with all the pictures given by relatives and friends?

Answer: In Victorian days it was the fashion, over here as well as abroad, to fill one's rooms with hanging or marching photograph frames on walls and across all available table spaces. Old fashioned people still like to have many framed photographs about them. But since the modern liking for emptiness has a great effect on taste, the younger generation keep most of their photographs in between the leaves of an album. This album, by the way, has also no suggestion of the Victorian one wherein mounted photographs were slipped into paper openings. The modern album is a large book bound either in leather or brocade with plain leaves like any other photograph album. But all people have a few photographs either on the walls or on the tables of their rooms.

Good School Should Educate in Courtesy

DEAR Mrs. Post: This is a co-educational college and in the dining hall the girls and boys sit together, an equal number at each table. Do you think it would be a good idea for the boys to seat the girls? And what about when the girls turn up for meals late?

Answer: Certainly the men should seat the girls. After all, college should be a training ground for manners as well as for minds. The girls should be on time, but when being late is unavoidable, a girl should take her place as quickly as possible so that she will not throw her table into confusion by making it necessary for all the men to rise.

Better Send Flowers.

DEAR Mrs. Post: When my sister died some friends of another sister sent flowers to the funeral. The flowers were very beautiful and were addressed to Mother, but neither she nor I know them at all, and now someone in their family has died. So will you kindly tell me what, if anything, is Mother's obligation to these people?

Answer: I take it for granted that your sister who is their friend will go to see them and send flowers, and unless she is away from home there is no "obligation" that you need meet. But it would be kind certainly to send a note of sympathy, or flowers to the funeral from all of you.

Making It Official.

DEAR Mrs. Post: Soon I expect to announce my engagement to a man whom I have been expected to marry for years, so the news can not possibly surprise anyone. Under these circumstances, don't you think it would be silly to invite people without explaining at the time that we are announcing our engagement at this party? Please tell me frankly what you would suggest.

Answer: It would be best, I think, to write or telephone invitations to a party celebrating your engagement, and also notify the papers the evening before the party so that the announcement will appear on that day.

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By CHERIE NICHOLAS



but this trip she does. Sew-Your-Own has designed, especially for her, an all-occasion frock (above left) that's simply lovely to look at. If father's compliments have become a bit rusty from lack of use, this frock will bring them back to their former brightness. It's pretty in any fabric: gingham, silk crepe, rayon prints, percale, or sheer wool.

Sweet 'n' Simple.

It's a treat, too, for mother when she finds a dress for Little Sis that's as carefully planned as the captivating model above center. It gives the growing girl the fluffing out she needs in the shoulders, and the prettily flared skirt offers her graceful poise indoors, plus full freedom for activity out of doors. It's adorable with the collar and cuffs in white linen. It heightens the contrast of her luscious healthy suntan.

Chic for the G. F.

And a treat for all concerned is the frock Sew-Your-Own has created for The Girl Friend. She may be collegiate, high schoolish, a steno, mother's helper, or a young lady of leisure, but whatever she is she'll look the part and prettier in a take-off on Pattern 1327. It is new, novel, and easy to sew. It is undoubtedly the frock to wear when your escort, the time and the place are important.

The Patterns.

Pattern 1372 is designed for sizes 36 to 46. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yards of 35-inch material. Pattern 1987 is designed for sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 years. Size 6 requires 2 yards of 35-inch material, plus 1/4 yard contrasting. Pattern 1327 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 36 bust). Size 16 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39-inch material, plus 3/4 yards of cord for lacing. With long sleeves, 4 1/2 yards required.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

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WHIMS OF FASHION

The corseted figure is in prospect. There is nothing dull about the new hats. The all-white handbag is losing some of its popularity. Suit or jacket dress of dark sheer is mid-season favorite. Sports socks which tie around the ankles are the latest fad. Evening dresses won't be a packing problem—if you take lace. White is considered smarter than colors for late summer evening dresses. Open-to-the-air accessories are as practical as they are fashionable and fun to wear.

Man's Folly

Time is the mark of immortality, and man in tragic folly uses it as if a day or a year were but a trifle from an inexhaustible store. He views the brighter prospect of tomorrow while he wastes today; and he never knows that the moment passing unused is a jewel fallen into the sea of the infinite, and gone forever.—G. L. Seese.

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Try "Rub-My-Throat"—World's Best Liniment

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Nature designed the kidneys to do a strenuous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of all toxins of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feet tired, nervous, all worn out.
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Here is the melting pot for individual opinions on any topic. Contributors may have their names deleted from articles but no anonymous letters will be printed. Have you a pet hobby or grievance? If so here is the place where you may break out into print and tell us all about it.

To the Editor,
Free Press Forum,
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Congratulations! The first number of the "Free Press" argues well for the future. The policy as outlined in the editorial is what Lowell needs. If we compare Lowell to Nashua, Lawrence and energetic Manchester (as evidenced in recent Amoskeag episode), it must be said that we lag behind, we have not caught up to the post-depression turn for the better.

There is industrial uneasiness in Lowell: underpaid labor, unorganized non-craft labor, high taxes, uncertainty in the minds of the mill owners, and lack of a united public mind to react.

We are caught in a labyrinth of private interests, whereby it is impossible to broach a subject of general welfare without lifting a plank that sets in motion a multitude of parasitic interests. If labor, the mill owner, the professional man, the business man, the property owner could express his feelings, perhaps we would come to some understanding—then could be developed civic

pride and the City of Lowell in a united front could pull out of the present morass; and the "Free Press" could well serve this cause.

At present the labor question seems to hold public attention. There is hardly any doubt about the sincerity of Labor organization. The individual worker is a helpless pigmy alongside the mountainous financial and political power of capital or high finance. But the worker must be well organized and this means good leadership; leaders who have at least the good of the worker at heart, who put the welfare of the worker above organization selfishness, who are imbued with a sound philosophy that stands for initiative, freedom, human and family rights of the individual.

That is why, regardless of rumors about the integrity of national leaders, each city should be able to supervise and promote sound local leadership for the mass of its laboring people, protect the worker against Un-American propaganda and carry on our American history along traditional lines, devoid, however, of the mass of capitalistic abuses that brought about the economic slavery of the working man.

That this campaign for good local leadership can be done is clear from the communications sent to the "Commonwealth," a New York review.

To get on its feet Lowell must begin to solve its Labor problem. Since the Wagner Act, new and intensive impetus has been given to the unionization of labor. But we need leaders who are more interested in the betterment of the local laboring man than in solving him in a world-wide revolutionary movement of class warfare.

The worker himself should see to a voice in the choice of good local leadership and the citizens of Lowell as a whole should have a deep interest in this leadership.

An interested reader of the first number of the "Free Press," "A Friend of Labor."

To the Editor
Free Press Forum

Dear Sir:

I don't know how many people read, "Today and Tomorrow" by Walter Lippmann in the August 7th issue of the Boston Globe, but I know after reading the article entitled, "Significance of Mr. Lodge," that Mr. Lippmann must never have worked at day wages in his life. Does Mr. Lippmann know of the prosperity of Massachusetts before the South lured our manufacturers away with their cheap labor and slave conditions?

"If it is right, as he says it is," meaning Senator Lodge, "to exclude Southern goods from interstate commerce," Mr. Lippmann says, "it is right obviously, as a simple matter of justice, to subsidize Southern agriculture in order to compensate for the damage. If the Federal Government is to fix wages in order to serve the supposed interests of Massachusetts employers, then there is no reason why it should not fix prices to serve the interests of Iowa farmers, or Montana copper miners, or Nevada silver miners."

My dear Mr. Lippmann, if those self same Southern manufacturers for whom you are so sorry, will give the minimum wages and hours that the bill calls for, they will not be barred from interstate commerce, so, therefore, there will not be any, as you put it, damage.

You do not realize Mr. Lippmann what it means to work one, two, or three days a week and be paid accordingly. Mr. Lippmann, did you

ever have to pay the butcher, baker, landlord, grocer, etc., and find that you didn't have enough to go around? Do you know what it is to be sick, or have one of your loved ones sick, and not have the money for medical expenses? You really should go through those experiences before you write.

Senator Lodge, Mr. Lippmann, realizes these things, although he never had to go through them, thank God. Therefore, he cast his vote accordingly.

Mr. Lippmann, did you ever know a politician who kept campaign promises? Senator Lodge promised in his campaign to do all in his power to stop the flight of industry from Massachusetts. That, my dear Mr. Lippmann, is the significance of Senator Lodge, he keeps his promises.

Mr. Lippmann, is it right for the southern manufacturers to exploit their labor, and then be allowed to send their products north to undersell our northern goods? Do you

want to see the working people of the north become like their southern countrymen, unfed, ill clothed and all that goes with that comparison?

We, in the north, feel that we are as badly off as we care to be, and do not feel as though we would like to descend to that standard of living.

Ask yourself these questions Mr. Lippmann, and then you may learn why Senator Lodge voted as he did.

Remember Mr. Lippmann, the backward states must march forward, not try to drag the progressive states down to their level.
EDWARD J. LABELLE.

LOYAL TO LABOR

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CAMERA TOPICS

As Italians Advanced in Egypt



According to the Italian censor-approved caption for this photo, mobile units of the Italian army, composed of Colonial and Italian troops, speed across the desert land of northern Egypt in the drive climaxed by the fall of Sidi Barrani, objective in the push toward the Suez canal. (Inset): Italian tanks, which were stalled at Sidi Barrani, moving towards what may prove to be the first big battle of the war in northern Africa.

Ready-Made Marksmen for Draft Army



The army will not have to work very hard to make marksmen of these two boys, shown registering for selective military service in Phoenix, Ariz. The hunting season opened on registration day, so the boys went forth and bagged their deer before signing up. L. to R., Bob McDonald, J. W. Wheeler, registrar Jack W. Eaton, Maj. E. W. Shaw and J. R. Stanley.

Instead of a Campaign Button



Here's a new wrinkle, from Hollywood, designed by Max Factor Jr., for a red-hot political campaign. Starlets Joan Barclay and Muriel Zaler wear their choice for President in the form of an old-fashioned beauty patch, with the initials cut out of court plaster.

Military Visitors See Endurance Test



Military experts from nine Latin-American republics, who are currently touring United States forts, army posts and defenses, are shown watching an army truck undergo a stiff test at the proving grounds of an auto plant in Detroit, Mich. The tour of these military experts is part of the great Pan-American defense program now under way.

Czech R. A. F. Eagle



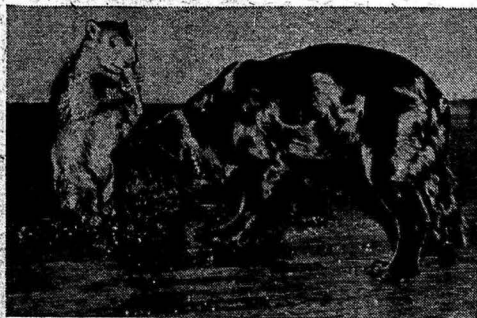
One of the pilots of an all-Czechoslovak fighter squadron attached to the R. A. F., climbing into his "Hurricane" for patrol of England's southeast (Hell's Corner) coast.

On Secret Mission



U. S. Naval Commander Walter Frederick Boone, who left Washington for London via Atlantic clipper to Portugal, on what purported to be a secret mission.

Groundhog and Spaniel Share Dinner



Fil, a groundhog, and Moe, a cocker spaniel, are the best of friends during the summer at Chimney Rock, N. C., but when their mistress, Mrs. Harry R. Nash, leaves for the summer, Fil returns to hibernate while Moe goes along with the family. The very first day the Nashes returned this year, Fil came waddling up the steps to greet them—and stayed for dinner.

Happy Ending of Near-Tragic Sky Drama



Flying Officer L. G. Fuller of the Royal Australian air force in a big reconnaissance plane collided with another plane of the same type 1,000 feet above Brocksby, New South Wales. Everybody bailed out except Fuller, who brought both ships down to a perfect landing and stepped out unhurt. The planes were only slightly damaged.

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ARMY INSPECTORS FAVOR LOWELL FOR MUNITIONS SITE

Lieut. Gerald Wayland, one of the two representatives of the War Department who made a flying visit to Lowell earlier in the week for the purpose of probing conditions here from a viewpoint of manufacturing war materials, has made a glowing report on this city's adaptability.

The vast amount of floor space available in Lowell for the manufacture of practically any article was looked upon with a benevolent eye by the men now making an inspection of New England cities. Lieut. Wayland, it is understood, regards Lowell as the finest spot for government contracts of any place this side of New Jersey and second to none in the east.

Lowell's accessibility to the

seaport of Boston, and the fact that railroad shipments may be made west and south via Ayer without going into the Boston yards are a factor that loomed large with the inspectors.

The floor space in vacant Lowell factories is for lease at very cheap rental rates, another attractive feature. Our water resources are still another.

Unless the war scare in Europe diminishes, and from present indications there appears little likelihood that it will, the U. S. government will soon embark on a munitions making program that will vie with war times. And, Lowell, it is confidently predicted, will receive the recommendation of the inspectors as a site for one of the largest concentrations of government-subsidized factories.

LOAN SHARK BANKS HAVE HURT BUSINESS HERE IN LOWELL

The grave decrease in the spending capacity of the Lowell public that was noted during the first two months of the year has been laid on the doorstep of the 3-percent-a-month banks that are operating in the city. These loan shark institutions placed so many people in economic bondage during the period preceding Christmas that the entire community is now suffering from the effect.

The amount of money spent in advertising these so-called banks provides the tipoff on the huge funds at their command with which to spread propaganda for the "sucker" trade.

The newspapers carry a beautiful picture of the easy way to borrow \$20 to \$300. But they do not carry the sad tale that trails every loan made to a gullible borrower.

The radio bellows forth trick ads to the effect that "no embarrassing questions are asked" when you approach a loan shark office for a loan. That transcribed "Martha Turner" ad, may God have mercy on her soul whoever she may be, blasts into your eardrums with the delusion that this particular financial spider's web is a reception room where the fairly wriggle with joy to help the poor person without ready funds.

Legitimate banks, and there are a few of them left, could not stay in business and bear the advertising expense of these loan shark companies. That is

plain enough to realize if you only pause to consider.

Anyhow, the loan shark companies which invest Lowell may be blamed for the notable shortage of spending during January and February of this year. Their pound of flesh is proving a heavy load for Lowell business to carry.

Rhode Island Strike Has Little Affect On Lowell Truckies

The truck drivers' strike in Rhode Island has cast only a small shadow in Lowell, Business Agent William Brooks stated this morning. Only two trucks locally owned and operated were engaged in hauls to the "struck" area and the trips of these trucks were cancelled when the picket line was thrown across the state border. Conditions here among the trucking concerns are seasonably quiet at present but the spring pickup is expected to add a more glowing complexion to this form of service as soon as warmer weather is definitely certain.

The carrier systems are always a good barometer of business. Increased freight hauls means better business everywhere. It is expected that by the middle of April both the railroads and trucking firms will be more than moderately busy.

Sun Circulation Crew Quits Rather Than Starve on Job

The majority of The Sun circulation crew, which has been combing the city for new subscriptions to that sheet, have quit in disgust.

Although paid double what previous subscription solicitors have received on similar assignments, the boys just couldn't convince people that they should read the Labor-baiting Lowell Sun. The citizens of Lowell apparently have finally awakened to the realization that this city has no place for an anti-Labor publication.

It is also rumored that several of the reportorial staff of The Sun are on the black list of the boss. These lads quit the Newspaper Guild, the Labor union of the writers, when they received a raise after allowing The Sun management to fire one of their members. And now they are bellowing in dismay over the prospect of getting the sack themselves and shouting for the Guild to throw 'em a lifeline.

At any rate, as we have stated before, The Sun is sinking toward the horizon that beckons every anti-Labor publication in the country. With circulation and advertising sinking steadily, it won't be long now, glory be!

Councillor Maher To Lead Drive In Council For Tax List

At the special meeting of the City Council on March 14 the \$3500 item earmarked by the Board of Assessors for printing the tax list was referred back to the mayor. Councillor Tommy Maher of Ward 11 signed the order.

However, the mayor has not dignified the Council by taking audible notice of the order. To date nothing has been done about publishing the tax list, even after the Council's action on the matter.

By law, however, the Council, by a two-thirds vote, can force the printing of the tax list even without the mayor's approval.

Most of the Council members realize just what the printing of the tax list means to the public. They also realize that the only reason for avoiding the city ordinance which calls for the printing of the tax list every two years is to veil in secrecy the real assessment of many political favorites of the administration.

It is understood that a bloc of councillors, led by Councillor Maher, will make a drive toward seeing that the tax list is printed this year. This action will probably occur at the next meeting of the City Council.

LICENSE COMMISSION OUT ON LIMB WITH "SEASONAL" PERMIT

It appears that the License Commission has finally stuck out its neck—too far.

A short time ago the commission granted what is known as a "seasonal" license to The Gables, a spot located on the Lawrence Boulevard and operated for the past few months without a liquor license.

The law requires that in order to grant a so-called seasonal license it must be shown that, in the particular community wherein the license is granted, an influx of population occurs amounting to at least 5000 during the period for which the license is granted.

The law also states clearly that the License Commission must certify in writing, under the penalty of perjury, that the influx occurs. Thus before The Gables received its license, the License Commission must have made affidavit that Lowell is larger in population by 5000 people during the summer months than at other periods of the year.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the facts. Lowell is certainly no summer resort. The visitors that come to Lowell in the summer, by no stretch of the imagination, would greatly exceed the people of this community who take a trip to other climes.

OUR SUMMER EXODUS

And in Lowell every summer there is a distinct exodus that depletes our population appreciably. Hampton Beach is probably the greatest single warm weather Mecca for Lowell people but just pause to contemplate the number of families who summer at such popular resorts as Cobett's Pond, Salisbury Beach, Nantassett and innumerable other entrancing vacation spots with which this immediate vicinity abounds.

Yet, the License Commission goes out on a limb with the sworn statement that Lowell's population is inflated in the summer!

And what does Dr. James H. Rooney reply when asked where this 5000 added population in the summer comes from? The commission chairman states, with a bland smile, that the boys and girls are home from school during the summer.

And how long since boys and girls under 21 have been allowed to frequent liquor dispensaries? The good dentist was caught flatfooted on that one, an awkward position for a lad who boasts of his quick wit in emergencies.

The Free Press has long been a caustic critic of the actions of the Lowell License Com-

mission. The injustice which it has heaped on the public, as well as the men who pay a high annual license fee for an impartial supervision of their business, has become a byword here.

What can be the incentive for the License Commission to go to such lengths to grant a "seasonal" license? Why should this body deliberately strive to injure the business of the liquor dealers already established in the same part of the city as the fair-haired proprietor of the latest license granted? It is fair to presume, of course, that there's a reason.

The apathy of the mayor over the antics of the License Commission is well known. The chairman of the commission is one of the cabinet members, perhaps the closest to the throne. It was Dr. Rooney, it is stated, who concocted the scheme whereby Arthur Delorme supplanted Dr. Caisse as the mayor's choice for the Chelmsford St. hospital, at least, the forces wielder is given credit for the technique surrounding Delorme's confirmation.

If Mayor Archambault does not relish the idea of vacating his office next January, with a sodden smudge upon his political escutcheon that will be impossible to erase, it might be well for him to do a little investigating of the License Commission.

Tower Theatre Plays Host To Rats-Rodents Slink Among Patrons

While the Tower Amusement Corp. won its court case against the locals of the Musicians, Stage Hands and Motion Picture Operators Unions the proprietors of the East Merrimack theatre have lost their bid for public approval.

The Tower Theatre is strictly a non-union outfit. The wages paid to their employees are disgracefully low. Every department of the theatre is manned by scab help who have no objections to passing through a picket line.

The auditorium of the theatre, it is said, is a huge playground for rats. Big, slinking rodents move among the seats.

The former lessees of the premises tried to rid the building of rats but found the task impossible. The present occupants apparently are content to allow their furry friends equal freedom with the customers.

Pies Are In Season, Always!

By BEULAH V. GILLASPIE
Director, Sealtest Laboratory Kitchen



Courtesy Sealtest Laboratory Kitchen

... And what man, woman or youngster is going to pass up such a fascinating dish as this intriguing criss-cross veal and ham pie? Just try it on the family, tonight, and you'll find a new enthusiasm among the appetites.

VEAL AND HAM PIE

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
2 cups diced cooked ham
2 cups diced cooked veal
Pastry
Salt and pepper

Melt the butter in a double boiler,

add the flour and mix well. Add the milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. If desired, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of veal stock may be substituted for $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of milk. Season with salt and pepper to taste and add the ham and veal. Pour into a buttered baking dish. Roll pastry out thin, cut in strips and arrange lattice fashion across top. If desired, reserve a long strip for a border around the edge of the dish. Brush the pastry with milk or cream and bake in a very hot oven (450° F.) for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serves six.

Trick Question Was Asked In Recent Poll On Wagner Labor Act

The Gallup Poll threatens to be one of the most dangerous propaganda agencies in this country.

The promoters built up a reputation by "calling the turn" on two or three elections. Now they are capitalizing that reputation. From week to week they announce "public opinion" on all kinds of questions. The result largely depends on the way the question is phrased.

Recently the question was: "Do you think the Wagner Labor Act should be revised, repealed, or left unchanged?"

According to Gallup, 48 per cent said "Revise it," 18 per cent said "Repeal it," and 34 per cent said "Don't touch it."

Most of the newspapers construed that as evidence that the American people wished to stick the knife into this extremely important labor legislation. Of course, it doesn't prove any such thing. Those who favored retaining the act "as is", outnumbered those who favored repeal by almost two to one.

But how about those who indicated a desire to revise the law? Right there we discover the joker. What did Dr. Gallup and his colleagues mean by "revising" the law? There are a hundred ways that might be done—from moving a comma to cutting the heart out of the act.

Putting it bluntly, this was a "catch question," and framed by a bunch of smart advertising experts. In that connection, we must not forget that the principal business of the Gallup concern is preparing and placing advertisements.

If Dr. Gallup had submitted specific proposal for changing the act, and an opportunity had been afforded to discuss it, then a poll of public opinion might have been of some value. As the question was presented the poll isn't worth a plugged dime.

The doctor is handling a lot of other important questions in the same fashion. If he keeps it up, he will go the way of the "Literary Digest" which predicted Roosevelt's defeat at the very moment when the American people were preparing to put him across, by the most impressive majority ever given a candidate for the presidency.

Congress Unfair To Labor In Stand On Military Contracts

The Barkley amendment to the National Defense Bill was attacked by the National Association of Manufacturers as "lending a hollow note to talk of business appeasement."

Obedient members of Congress thereupon jumped to the crack of the manufacturers' whip and eliminated the amendment.

All the Barkley amendment proposed to do was to deny government contracts

under the program to concerns which break the law governing workers' collective bargaining rights.

In Europe the word "appeasement" has come to mean granting violent aggressors all they want at the expense of peaceful and democratic peoples.

In this sense, the N. A. M. used the word aptly. For by killing the Barkley amendment, Congress has "appeased" chiseling and law-breaking employers at the expense not only of labor but also of fair employees who observe the law in respect to collective bargaining.

Things have come to a pretty pass when Congress thus encourages the breaking of laws which it has itself enacted.

For this is what it does when it permits government contracts to be awarded to anti-labor corporations which can underbid the fair employer because they deny to

employees their legal collective bargaining rights.

The experience of the Barkley amendment will spur labor and all believers in governmental honesty and consistency to redoubled efforts for enactment of legislation to compel observance of the law on all government contract work.

BAT SQUEAKS TEST EARS

Bats are creatures of mystery. No one likes them, and yet all of the bats in the United States live entirely on insects, including mosquitoes. Many bats go into the deep sleep of hibernation during the winter. Others, it is believed, migrate, but nobody knows for sure, the National Wildlife Federation reports. There are 46 kinds of bats in the United States, the largest being the mastiff bat of California, which is six and half inches long. If you are past 40 and your ears are good enough to hear a bat squeak, you have exceptional hearing. Just how a flying bat avoids obstacles in the dark is a puzzle to science.

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FULL
GALLON

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WHITE LABEL CALIFORNIA WINE
PORT — SHERRY — MUSCATEL

Qt.

69c

Half
Gal.

89c

Gal.

\$1.69

2 1-2 Year Old

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\$1.35

STRAIGHT

Whiskey

Quart

2 Year Old

WHITE
LABEL

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Whiskey

Quart

2 1-2 Year Old

Jockey

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Whiskey

Quart

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Are all the bad slums in the big cities?

If you think they are, you're making a big mistake.

The small towns and rural areas may not have teeming tenement houses. But they have their housing problems. Millions of small-town workers are forced to live in dilapidated shanties, shaky lean-to's and the shot-gun houses which are said to have been nailed together by throwing a few bits of lumber in the air and firing a load of shot at them.

It's even worse in the farm areas.

Five out of six farm-houses have no running water. Six out of seven have no electric lights. One half of them need major repairs. Only one out of twenty measure up to the so-called American Standard.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Fortunately, there are methods of doing at least a little bit toward remedying bad housing conditions outside of the big cities.

First—

Set up local housing authorities and borrow housing funds from the United States Housing Authority.

Practically any community, no matter how small, can build USHA-financed projects. At this very moment a 70-dwelling housing project is under way in Mt. Hope, West Va., a town with a population of about 2500.

In some states town of this size are not allowed to set up housing authorities. But that shouldn't stand in the way! County housing authorities can be set up in such instances and can build a project in any of the towns within its boundaries.

Second—

Farmers themselves can

borrow directly from the Farm Security Administration or secure FHA-insured loans from private banks—and use the money to repair their farm-houses.

But how about the farm laborers?

What about the millions of dispossessed sharecroppers and migratory fruit and vegetable pickers?

FSA CAMPS

Third—

Farm laborers can often succeed in having the Farm Security Administration build form labor camps.

These camps are not subsistence homesteads. They are the farthest thing in the world from enforced labor camps, such as prevail in Hitlerized Germany. They merely provide farm laborers with decent shelter at a very low price.

Impartial Experts To Study Results of Union Bar Gains

That much more satisfactory relations prevail in industries that practice collective bargaining than in others were benighted employers refuse to deal with the unions is the purpose of an investigation that was announced this week by the Twentieth Century Fund, founded by the late Edward A. Filene, social-minded department store owner of Boston.

The findings are expected to be of great national importance, because they will have back of them the judgment of impartial experts.

Heading the group that will make the survey will be Dr. Harry Alvin Millis, chairman of the Department of Economics of the University of Chicago. Millis was a member of the President's committee which last fall investigated and disapproved the attempt of the railroads to impose a 15 per cent wage cut on their employees. Dr. Millis also has a long record as an arbitrator in industry.

He announced a staff will

be organized to go deeply into the methods by which collective bargaining has brought about industrial peace, and on the basis of its findings, will recommend policies for the improvement of industrial relations in the United States.

Fifteen key industries are to be examined, including the railroads, where smooth collective bargaining machinery has functioned for years.

The study is also to cover the work of the National Labor Board, the growth of unionism since 1933, rivalry between the A. F. of L. and C. I. O., the legal rights of unions, and a good many other angles of the labor-industrial picture.

Pollards Leads Way To Local Business Boom With Huge Sale

Pollard's Anniversary Sale has certainly gone over with a bang. Throughout the week the largest shopping crowds since the Christmas holidays have flocked through the various spacious departments of this big department store.

Smart advertising coupled with honest values at greatly reduced prices, provide the answer to the big public response. Pollards, for more than a century a trading mart in this city, is showing the way

toward what looms as a big business pickup here.

The sale closes Saturday. Although the turnover for the week has been tremendous Pollard's shelves are still stocked with plenty of merchandise to complete the closing days of the sale without exhausting the lines of advertised bargains.

REAL "BOSTONSE"

The man from Oklahoma had just arrived in Boston.

"Hey officer," he said to a policeman, "can you tell me where is a good place to stop at?"

"Just before the 'at,'" the officer replied, continuing down the street, swinging his nightstick.

Gratitude and a sense of humor are precious blessings, not always in over, dependent upon circumstances.

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THAT WPA PROBLEM

President Roosevelt has told Congress that \$150,000,000 must be provided at once, to carry the Works Progress Administration to June 30. If the appropriation is not made available, he said, approximately 5,000,000 persons will be without means of support.

If that argument does not appeal to "economy" shouters, they should find food for thought in the President's further statement that if 5,000,000 persons are deprived of purchasing power, which the government is now supplying, the effect will be felt at the cash registers of businessmen throughout the country.

From whatever standpoint the question is viewed—the President has stated the facts so convincingly that his request should be granted without delay or quibble. To palaver when human lives are at stake is unthinkable, and to strike a serious blow at business recovery would be a mistake of the first order.

There has been a lot of talk about spending for relief, and most of it is sheer nonsense. Certainly, those who insist that relief appropriations shall be sharply reduced do not mean that those without bread shall be permitted to hunger. They are, in the main, kind-hearted men and women, and would be shocked at needless suffering.

But what apparently overlook is that, if the Federal government withdraws assistance from 1,200,000 workers and their dependents, it must be supplied from some other quarter. That means the states and local communities.

Does any reasonable person contend that the states and local communities are equal to the emergency? The fact is that most cities are head over heels in debt and are already carrying relief burdens that tax their financial ability to the limit. To add 5,000,000 persons to the relief load would be the straw that would break the camel's back.

And yet these 5,000,000 people must be housed, clothed and fed. Nobody wants to see them die in the streets.

Some idea of the difficulties which confront the states was disclosed this week by a shocking story from Pennsylvania that many of its school teachers have not been paid for many months. Some of them have been reduced to such destitution that they have been compelled to seek relief.

Pennsylvania is the second richest state in the union. It is proud of its public schools. It glories in the fact that its own Thaddeus Stevens was a pioneer in advocating free education for the masses.

If Pennsylvania is starving its teachers and depriving its children of educational opportunities, it must be because Pennsylvania lacks the money to properly support its institutions. At least, that is the reason given by its governor, who was elected last year on a promise to reduce spending and taxes, but has discovered since he took office that he put out a lot of paper that he cannot redeem.

Instead of cutting taxes, the Republican administration is looking about for new sources of taxation. Until it finds them, its schools will languish, and its needy will continue to suffer.

What is true of Pennsylvania is equally true of many other states. Conservatives in Congress who demand that Federal relief appropriations be reduced are doing no favor to their constituents when they give them the alternative of permitting people to starve or of adding to local tax burdens that are already unbearable.

NOT SO MANY

There are two sides to the immigration question, as there are to most questions.

A side about which very little has been heard was given this week by the Department of Labor. It said that the problem of the alien is rapidly disappearing in this country. During the last 10 years, it pointed out, for every alien admitted six vanished, either by deportation, voluntary departure, naturalization or death.

It is well to keep that fact in mind as an immunity against infection by the hysterical demand that this country adopt all sorts of new restrictions to keep our portals closed.

QUITE SOLVENT

Ernest K. Lindley, one of the sanest of our columnists, discusses our national debt. The obligations of Federal, state and local governments total \$59,000,000,000, he finds. In Great Britain the total is \$44,000,000,000, or 176 per cent of that country's national income.

"If the combined debts of our Federal, state and local governments were 176 per cent of our national income, they would total between \$109,000,000,000 and \$123,000,000,000, instead of \$59,000,000,000," says Mr. Lindley.

No one suggests that John Bull is bankrupt. Neither is Uncle Sam. Of course, Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia hasn't discovered that fact, but perhaps he will, if we give him time enough.

THAT PROFITS TAX

Again we are bombarded with the cry: "Cut taxes and help business."

The advocates of this policy would like to have us believe that certain business enterprises are so burdened by taxation that they can scarcely move, but it is worth observing that they seldom name the industries which are being oppressed.

And it is always the Federal tax they want to cut and yet the Federal tax is the least oppressive of all, because it is levied on profits. That means, of course, that in order to be compelled to pay such a tax you must be prosperous, or fairly so. The corporation or individual who is "broke," or almost in that lamentable condition, doesn't pay a Federal tax.

The fact of the matter is that most of those who are shouting "cut taxes," want to reduce the taxes of the very rich—of those who have prospered, even in times of great depression, and who, therefore, have the ability to pay and should be compelled to pay.

BLOODLESS VICTOR.

Gandhi wins again. After this remarkable man had fasted for a little more than 98 hours, the British viceroy of India told the 29-year-old ruler of Rajkot that it was time to capitulate. The reforms Gandhi demanded for the people of this comparatively small Indian state will be granted.

It is curious that while the press reports have devoted ample space to every other phase of the struggle, they have not described Gandhi's demands.

That is unfortunate, but it is not important. We know the Mahatma sought relief for the people. In that faith we discover the sources of his power. No one questions his selfless sincerity.

Gandhi is a truly great man. He may occupy more space in history than any man now living. If he lives ten years more he may win independence for his country and have the satisfaction of knowing he did it without firing a shot.

Advertising Lies To Walk the Plank From Now On, Says F.T.C.

"I am past sixty," says Edna Wallace Hopper, "yet boys, scarcely above college age, often try to flirt with me."

That, according to the Federal Trade Commission, is one of the untrue claims made by Edna in advertisements of her "Special Restorative Cream" and "White Youth Pack." The commission issued a formal "complaint," declaring that the following advertising "representation made by her also is false:

"My cream was developed by one of the most celebrated scientists, Dr. Bonaventure Pacini, whose cosmetic creations have contributed so much to the beauty of women the world over."

Also "exaggerated and untrue," the commission said, are her claims that the cream restores youthful appearance to skins disfigured by age, that the clay "youth pack" is 'of French origin' and causes the blood to nourish and revive the skin.



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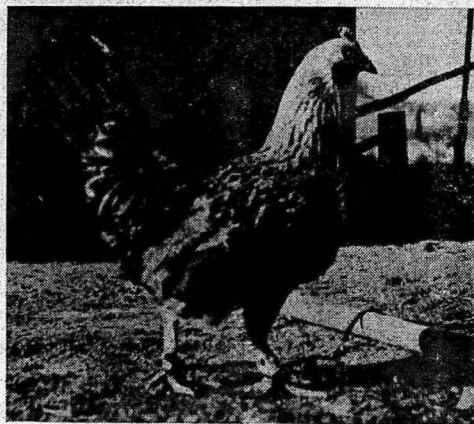
Robert Gordon Sproul, left, president of the University of California, rejected the proffered post of president of the Anglo-California National bank when 3,000 students massed and demonstrated against his leaving the school. The popular university head acceded to their wishes, and passed up the \$36,000-per-year job. At the right is part of the mass of students who voiced their protest against his leaving.

COWBOY LOUIS

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, in training at Victorville, Calif., for his fight in April with Jack Epler, spars with a thorn-clad desert plant, known as a Joshua tree. The champ takes his pistol shooting seriously, and the cowboy attire isn't all bluff. The champ includes horseback riding as part of his training activities.



Famed Hen, Aged 23, Dies of Old Age



Granny, 23-year-old hen, died of old age near Salisbury, N. C., recently. Property of Lawrence A. Taylor, Granny was the oldest hen in the world. She was widely known among poultry men and was frequently exhibited at shows. Until a year ago she laid an occasional egg.

SHARPSHOOTER

Miss Sigur Bergerson, number one on the University of Washington girls' rifle team, who was national champion in 1938, is also number one hopeful for the national championship of '39. Last year she fired 1,499 out of a possible 1,500.



WORLD'S FAIR CAKE

For one year William Baker worked six hours daily baking this fruit cake which is on display at the San Francisco World's Fair. Replicas on the cake, built exactly to scale, include 19 California missions, two bridges, Treasure Island and parts of two cities. The elaborate decorations for the masterpiece are made of sugar frosting.

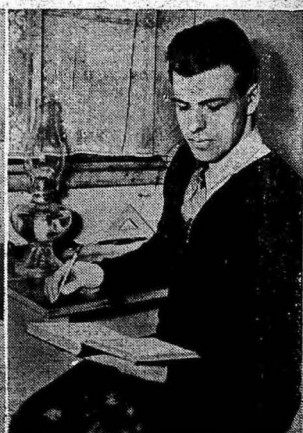
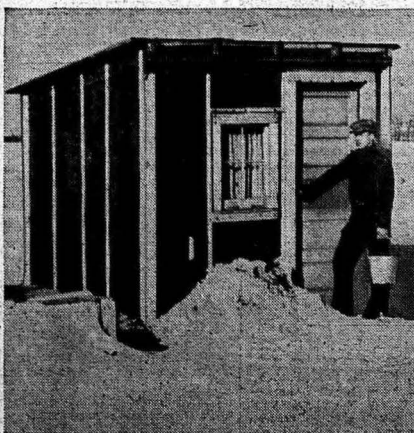


Eggs Go Modern for Easter Time



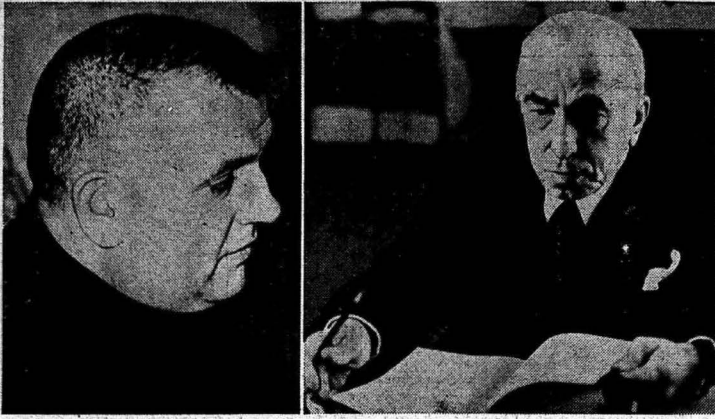
Colored eggs are as popular as ever this Easter, and children can decorate them with an unending variety of designs. This youngster has a whole parade of pets and other designs in decals for transfer to the eggs. While her mother looks on she dips the design in water, slides off the backing paper onto the egg and smooths it with a cloth. It's art made easy.

Rugged Individualist Attends College Hard Way



To be "on his own" is the ambition of Horace Carson, University of North Dakota freshman from Menango, N. D. Carson, son of a farmer, refused to ask for NEA assistance when he started school at Grand Forks, and built his own eight by eight tarpaper-covered house rather than accept a room in Camp Depression, the University's free dormitory. It cost him \$80 to build the house. Cooking his own meals, Carson's living expenses are approximately \$10 per month. He bought the lot, on an open prairie, for \$5.

Their Battle Smashed Czech Democracy



Dr. Joseph Tiso, left, premier of the new "independent" nation of Slovakia, whose demand for Slovakian autonomy in defiance of Dr. Emil Hacha, right, president of the Czechoslovakian republic, precipitated the 26-year-old democracy's destruction. Supported by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany, Dr. Tiso established an independent Slovakia. Meanwhile the easternmost Czech province, Ruthenia (Carpatho-Ukraine) was overrun by Hungarian, Rumanian and Polish soldiers, each seeking their share of spoils.

'Little Doctor' Goes Visiting

Dr. Allan Dafoe, physician and one of the guardians of the Dionne quintuplets of Collander, Ont., took time off from his recent visit to Ottawa to call upon Canada's newest triplets, the Biron sisters, in the Grace hospital. They were born December 7, 1933.



Paris to Be Prepared



Bombproof shelters, capable of accommodating 80,000 persons, have been dug on the site of the old fortifications which encircled Paris. France is determined not to be caught unprepared in event of war.

Britain Tests Air Raid Shelters



One of the new bell-shaped shelters for air raid precaution workers at Birmingham, England, after undergoing successfully tests designed to determine their resistance. A 30-foot wall was toppled on top of it.

Triplets Celebrate Fourth Birthday



The Van Arday triplets, Caesar, Franklin and Conrad (front to rear) gave a party recently for the DeMellier triplets, Ann, Betty and Carol (front to rear) at the Roosevelt, Long Island, home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caesar L. Van Arday. The occasion was the fourth birthday of the Van Ardays. The girls are children of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DeMellier, Wantagh, L. I.

Detect Lost Radium In Furnace Ashes

Using a sensitive detector, Dr. J. Cramer Hudson, left, and Russell F. Cowing, X-ray and radium expert, locate a tiny capsule of radium valued at \$12,000 in a pile of ashes taken from the boilers of the Cambridge City hospital in Cambridge, Mass. The platinum casing holding the radium had melted, and the particles were widely scattered throughout the boiler ashes. The radium capsule apparently had been swept up with rubbish by the janitor.



Lovely Hat of White Straw Comes in With the Spring

This white straw hat is trimmed with a black band applied with a rose, and is being worn with a black veil.

Still Active at Age of 102; Has No Longevity Formula

Miss Frances Knapp, who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday at Narrowsburg, N. Y. She does her own housework and cooking, and has no formula for attaining longevity, except "either you do, or you don't."



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Perhaps You Know -

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That New York Savings Banks are appealing to new-lyweds in their advertising with the slogan, "The Savings Banks Are Behind the Man With the Ring". . . . A Cincinnati store advertises, that women caught in a sudden rain while shopping, may borrow an umbrella free. . . . A new design for elementary schools to be adopted in New York calls for two wings, two floors high and a central part rising eight stories, served by giant elevators that will carry 45 students at a time.

Because tomatoes were at one time poisonous, citizens of Newport, R. I., erected a statue to M. F. Corne, the first man to "eat one" one. . . . A joint committee of tanners, manufacturers and retailers have decided on eight colors for next fall's women's shoes and on nine colors for men's shoes.

Ivy-Gon, is a new remedy to be marketed for the cure of poison ivy. . . . A new sweetener for Baby's cereal is called "Cradle Baby Jams". . . . Grocers in and around Baltimore are planning to sell films and photo finishing.

Standard Brands will erect the longest coffee bar in the world at the New York World's Fair to serve "Chase and Sanborn." The bar will be 135 feet long. . . . And speaking of 'bars', a new New York ordinance states that a whiskey jigger must contain at least 1 1/2 oz. and the net contents must be printed on the glass. . . . George Washington is said to have been the first to serve ice cream in this country.

A new method of canning foodstuffs is called "Thermit." This new method consists of placing an ordinary can of food inside a larger can, putting chemicals in the space between them and then when Mrs. Consumer wants to serve the contents, she punctures the outer can

whereupon the chemicals heat the food in the inner can. Simple? Carl Laemmle, noted movie magnet has purchased the North, South and Central American rights to this invention.

Iceberg lettuce was first grown in United States in 1901. The seed was imported from France. . . . An electric eye burglar alarm has been placed on the market. . . . In Japan, "After-dinner" speeches are made before the meal is served.

A store in Memphis, Tenn., has an automatic change-maker and customers can purchase drugs, groceries and many other items by putting the correct amount of money in a slot. . . . Self-service "a la slot" as it were. . . . Of the 40 largest railroads in the country, only 12 of them made "money" last year.

The new waltz, "Flowing Air Mattress has a thermostat that can be adjusted to allow air of any desired temperature to be blown through the top of the inner-spring mattress to comfort the sleeper.

Recently a new non-stop air mail service was demonstrated at the Coatesville Pa. airport. With the aid of a grapple the plane picks up a mail bag suspended on a free rope hanging between two poles. Delivery is made by

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National events in April include Easter, the 9th. . . Army Day the 6th. . . National Baseball Week 1-8th. . . National Foot Health Week 10-15th. . . National Garden Week 16-22nd. . . Be Kind to Animals Anniversary 17-23rd. . . Fisherman's Week 22-29th. . . National Golf week 29th May 6th. . . Are you getting weak?

The James Henry Packing Co. is making a sausage that is called Sunzed Vitamin D, each pound is said to contain as much Vitamin D as a spoonful of Cod Liver oil. . . . Another new product is "Tobacomix," a granular preparation to take the bite out of pipe tobacco without affecting the natural taste.

DOLLAR IS BUYING MORE NECESSITIES

The housewife's dollar today is buying more food and other necessities than at any time since October, 1937, according to the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

The organization declared this week that the downward trend of living costs had been under way for 15 months and that in this period prices have declined 4.6 per cent.

New Department Is Opened at Gagnon's

Gagnon's announces the opening of a newly enlarged and newly located section to be devoted to needlework, notions, smallwares of all kinds. This department was formerly located in the annex and is now removed to the Merrimack street store, where it occupies a large section facing the Palmer street entrance. This new department is now about four times its former size and embraces many lines complete in every detail. All kinds of staple and fancy smallwares, dressmakers' supplies, things for home needs. The art needle work section will be a joy to women who love to create beautiful pieces of fancy work, and they can receive expert instruction at any time.

Vina LaChance, well known to the Lowell buying public, will have charge of the new department. She has had many years' experience in these lines. An expert needleworker, Mrs. LaChance is ready to assist, advise or instruct in all matters of embroidery, knitting, needlepoint and all the latest whimsies in needlework.

Of special interest to women who know the value of fine handwork is the beautiful hand crocheted tablecloth now on display at Gagnon's.

This particular model shows the latest design and the new trend for fine table cloths and is valued at \$100.



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Whiskey and Sulphur Monopolies Now Being Investigated By Senate Committee—Sulphur A Necessary War Material

The amazing extent of monopoly and price fixing in American industries was illustrated this week by two more examples revealed at hearings of Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney's 'Anti-Monopoly Investigating Committee.'

One example was an industry well known to the public—the whisky business. The other was an industry few people ever hear about, yet of far-reaching importance—sulphur.

The whisky story got the newspaper headlines. The papers scarcely mentioned the sulphur disclosures, yet in some ways, they are the most significant.

"SUGGEST" IN WORLD

The sulphur story was told by Robert H. Montgomery, economics professor of the University of Texas, who for years has studied the industry. Testifying as spokesman for the Federal Trade Commission, he declared that sulphur is just about the "snuggest" and most profitable monopoly in the world today.

"Sulphur," Montgomery said, "is the narrowest and most vital bottleneck in modern industry. In its natural form, and made into sulphuric acid, it is used in the manufacture of practically every product. As examples, he named steel, rubber, gasoline, textiles, rayon, paints, and particularly, fertilizer and explosives."

VITAL TO NATIONAL DEFENSE

Sulphur is the most vital single product for national defense, Montgomery pointed out, because it is impossible

to make smokeless powder, "TNT" and other high explosives.

P. E. Buck, general counsel of the Federal Alcoholic Administration, presented basic facts about the "Whisky Trust." Some of the most significant facts were:

LEGALIZED BOOTLEGGER

That many of the big shots in the whisky business today are "legalized bootleggers" and other undesirable hangovers from the huge criminal "rackets" of prohibition years. They are utterly without morals or scruples, but operate in connection with big bankers.

The whisky production grew by leaps and bounds from 17,000,000 gallons in 1933 to 245,470,000 gallons in 1938, then fell rapidly to 94,990,000 in 1938, because distillery capacity and production had far outrun consumption.

That 466,800,000 gallons, enough to supply the market for more than six years, had piled up in bonded warehouses in 1938 and that more than half of this huge stock was owned by our big distilling companies.

RULED BY "BIG FOUR"

He named the four as Schenley, National Distillers, Seagram, and Hiram Walker, and said their share of the total whisky production grew from 45 per cent in 1936 to 64 per cent or about two-thirds, in 1938.

Buck began tracing the unscrupulous methods by which the "Big Four" combines are increasing their control of whisky production

and prices. By long days of persistent questioning he is digging facts out of top officials of the industry, to show how they buy up and "scrap" independent distilleries, and combining with some of the biggest banks to deny credit to smaller concerns.

Picard Would Prove Ideal Appointment To Election Commission



VICTOR L. PICARD

Labor Candidate for Election Commission.

It is generally believed at City Hall that Mayor Archambault will not reappoint Commissioner Gaudette to the Election Commission. In fact, the mayor is reported to have confirmed this rumor on several occasions.

Among the candidates for this post is Victor L. Picard, long an outstanding figure in the Labor movement.

Vic Picard is well known and highly respected throughout the community. His ability to serve with distinction as a member of the Election Commission is unquestioned.

Honesty and loyalty to his friends have characterized Vic Picard's private and public life. His appointment would grant us another faithful public servant and bring immense satisfaction to his legion of friends in the city.

Refusal To Negotiate With Union Costs One Boss His Plant

HASTINGS, Nebr.—How an employer's refusal to deal with one of the nation's leading unions boomeranged makes a dramatic story that is being told with relish by union men here.

The balky employer was John Tjaden, head of a local plant making air-conditioning equipment. When his employees, tired of working for a top wage of 30 cents for trained mechanics, organized a lodge of the International Association of Machinists, Tjaden began firing them. They threw a picket line around the plant.

Two of the active union men kicked out by Tjaden had invented their own air-conditioning unit. They set up shop in a backyard garage and began turning out the device. Now they have taken away most of Tjaden's business and employ most of the locked-out unionists.

BAIT FROM GOLDENROD

Goldenrod is a thing of beauty in the fall landscape, or a terrible pest, according to whether or not you are subject to hayfever. In addition, it is food to the winter sawflies. Its seeds attract the goldenrod and lay their eggs in the stem. The eggs hatch, and a worm makes a home for himself, causing a bulb-like swelling. Fishermen gather these baits in the fall, store them in barrels, and have a supply of tough and lively grubs which, they say, are much in demand by bluegills and perch, both of which are included in this year's series of Wildlife Week poster stamps.

NO "DANGEROUS" ANIMALS

According to the United States Bureau of Biological Survey there is only one animal in North America that is ever to be feared, in the wild and that is the grizzly bear or his close cousin, the giant brown bear of Alaska. Tame black bears in national parks are sometimes a pest, and may be dangerous, when they come begging for hand-outs. The cougar, puma or catamount, which with the black bear is portrayed in Wildlife Week stamps, is the villain of many a backwoods horror tale, yet reports of cougar attacks on human beings are very, very rare.

BOY SCOUTS AID WILDLIFE

Boy Scouts and Boy Scouts are putting across the first Pittman-Robertson wildlife restoration project in the state of Mississippi. An area stocked with deer and wild turkey will be managed by the state conservation department and these two organizations. The Pittman-Robertson act, enacted through the activities of the National Wildlife Federation, returns to the states for use, in increasing the supply of wildlife the federal excise tax funds from the sale of arms and ammunition.

WALNUT MEAT LURES BIRDS

The very best winter food to bring song and insectivorous birds to a backyard feeding station is black walnut meat, according to a writer in Bird Lore magazine. The chickadee and cardinal, both shown on this year's Wildlife Week poster stamps, are popular customers at bird lunch counters.

Gagnon's

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Regular sizes. All first quality.....

Children's Wear, girls' dresses 1 to 3. Boys' polo shirt, sizes 2 to 8; Rayon Panties and vests, sizes 8 to 12, 39c and 49c values, choice.... 25c

Women's Berkshire SILK HOSE

Crepe Chiffon, 3-thread, 51-gauge. All new spring colors and full line sizes. Slight irregulars \$1.35 grade. Pair 50c

Men's Underwear, athletic jerseys, Broadcloth shorts with balloon seats, reinforced at all points of strain. Sizes 30 to 48. 35c value 3 prs. 50c

Men's Union Suits, spring weight jersey, white or ecru. Short sleeves, ankle length. Broken sizes 36 to 52. 79c value..... 50c

Men's Fine Broadcloth Shirt, white, blue and assorted patterns. Starchless non-wilt collars. Sizes 14 to 17. 79c value..... 50c

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2 Prs. Pants

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"Stadium" PAJAMAS

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NEW RACKET POPS UP AMONG SOME OF OUR AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

If you are in the market for a new automobile you might do well to read this article. On second thought, you'd better read it anyhow. Perhaps you'll meet a friend whose pocket-book you can safeguard.

Among some of the automobile dealers in Lowell a vicious racket has developed recently. The following facts were gathered by a disinterested "shopper" who acquired the following figures from the dealers themselves.

This "Shopper", or man who traveled from dealer to dealer to trade in his car and buy a new one, received at each agency the trade-in price on his car and the amount of the payment he would have to pay over an 18-month period.

The first dealer he tackled, apparently, was the only honest one among the group he called upon. Here he negotiated terms for the purchase of a car listed at \$855. This dealer offered him an allowance of \$310 on his old car, the balance to be paid in 10 monthly notes of \$36 and 8 monthly notes of \$35. Let's inspect these figures.

The price of the new car is \$855. The allowance of \$310 and the monthly notes total \$950. The difference between \$855 and \$950 is the finance charge and cost of insurance for fire, theft and \$50 deductible collision policies. The insurance cost is \$47.95 which leaves a finance charge of \$47.05, a fair rate of interest.

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SUN EXPOSE EXPOSED ONLY THE SUN—EDITOR STILL NURSES \$1200 HE MADE FROM AMATEUR BOXING

Well, the Sun's sensational story of the week has come and gone! Featured in editions of the day before as an article everyone should read, The Sun blossomed forth, on Tuesday with a printed oration which sought to represent three members of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the headmaster of the high school and two members of the high school faculty as entering into a plot to promote high school athletics for their own individual profit.

The editor of The Sun, crippled as he is with a permanent charley horse between the ears, failed to realize, in his effort to create a masterpiece of false impressions, one very essential point. High school athletics have always been conducted by an athletic association. Into this association went all receipts received from the sale of tickets of admission to athletic contests. This association, except for the salary paid the football, track and baseball coaches by the city, paid the bills contracted in the conduct of the various high school sports.

The High School Athletic Association has always been an entity over which the school committee had little or no jurisdiction. If the forgetful editor of The Sun had only thumbed back the pages of his own sheet he would have learned that a few years ago the school committee attempted to force the association to partially pay the salary of the football coach.

On that occasion Henry H. Harris, then headmaster of the high school, applied to the state house for enlightenment on the course he should pursue with regard to the school committee's vote. The former headmaster was promptly told that the school committee had no jurisdiction over the funds of the High School Athletic Association; that its treasury could only be tapped by the officials of the association.

And this is the manner in which high school athletics have been conducted for the past 35 years! Even the editor of The Sun must know this. At least, it may be truthfully stated that either ignorance or obvious malice formed the over-tone for the article which The Sun hopefully launched as a sensation.

THE SUN A. A.

To casually read this wayward article one would presume that its sponsor, the editor of The Sun, was greatly interested in amateur athletes and ath-

letics and was defending both against a cabal bent on exploiting them. Well, let's deal with facts, for a moment, instead of misrepresentations.

In the fall of 1935 the editor of The Sun decided that he would turn boxing promoter—for profit, personal profit. The Knickerbocker A. A. had been staggering along trying to receive an even break financially while striving to build back amateur boxing in Lowell. This club was in the red at the time for upwards of \$1000.

However, without regard for the organization which had laid the groundwork for a rebirth of boxing in Lowell or for some similar group which might be interested in promoting amateur boxing, the editor of The Sun incorporated the Sun A. A. and promoted several boxing shows.

A MONEY MAKER

The Sun A. A. proved a money maker from the start. The first show, arranged and managed by the Knickerbocker club's matchmaker and his corps of competent assistants, netted more than \$500. But the editor wasn't satisfied that the nominal fee he paid these experienced assistants was thrifty. So he ditched 'em and put in their places some of the boys on his payroll. A prudent soul, is the editor.

But somehow or other things didn't go so well from that time on. The editor's eagle eye scanned the customers with a gladdened gleam and figured another fat poke for his pocket in the succeeding shows but, although the boxing bouts still made money for the editorial bankroll, profits shrank in an alarming degree.

So financially, with \$1200 in his personal pocket for nobody, but the editor of The Sun was allowed to handle the proceeds he ended his fling in the role of boxing promoter.

KEADY REFUSED

The following autumn Tom Keady, headcoach of Lowell high football, roamed into The Sun office. Tom was bent in helping one of his star football players of the previous year enter college. It so happened that this boy had no financial support of his own in his quest for a higher education.

The football coach knew of the sum realized by the editor of The Sun in his venture into the boxing game. Not too well acquainted with the young man at that writing, he was under the impression that the editor would be only too glad to lead off with his boxing profits toward a scholarship? No, he

would not. Well, would the head man of The Sun pay the boy's carfare one way (Keady offered to pay half of it) to the college where he might demonstrate to the football coaches that he had something they wanted and thus earn a scholarship? No, the editor wouldn't pay his carfare to Chelmsford Centre, it seems.

THE REAL REASON

So now that we have pretty well established the fact that the editor of The Sun is not so greatly interested in high school athletics as the article in question would lead us to believe, let's cast around for the real reason behind his alleged expose.

The old form of the High School Athletic Association was adequate for the promotion of school sports as long as no problem arose involving the ownership of real estate. The association owns the bleachers erected at Alumni field, the fence that encloses the field and much equipment but had never held title to property.

Following the election of Mayor Dewey G. Archambault, even before he took office, the mayor promised without equivocation that he would build a stadium for high school athletics. This promise he made subsequently many, many times. But as yet no stadium has been built. Why, they cannot even agree on the site for a stadium, let alone plan for its erection.

MCINTYRE'S BRAIN CHILD

Donald R. McIntyre is director of physical education in our school system. He, like many others, viewed with disgust the bickering and false promises that the question of an athletic plant for high school athletics has aroused. Finally, McIntyre conceived the idea of incorporating the High School Athletic Association and thus placing it in a position where the association members of the public school system of which the association is comprised.

The director of physical education proposed his plan to the sub-committee on high school athletics as a last resort in providing decent accommodations for the high school football and baseball teams. The committee agreed with him that apparently this method was the only way, under the present administration, that both patrons and athletes could be properly cared for and

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Local Housing Board Say One Member - Is Present Setup Legal?

The local Federal housing board is a government setup, legislated by federal law as to its numerical composition, jurisdiction, etc. The law reads that this board shall be composed of five members.

Weeks ago Johnny Regan, the well known local realtor, resigned from the local housing commission. For some inexplicable reason no attempt has been made to replace him.

The question arises whether or not the four-man board, as now constituted, is legally empowered to transact business. The law specifically states that there shall be five members while Lowell's board numbers only four.

At any rate its a slipshod way to do business. Let's have that replacement appointment from the mayor without further delay.

Machinery Instead of Labor Consumes WPA Money In This City

It is general knowledge that the WPA was designed to put people to work; primarily devised to furnish jobs for the unemployed. In practically every city or town in the country except Lowell there is hearty cooperation with the spirit and intent of the WPA.

But here in Lowell WPA funds are diverted toward the purchase of machinery. Last year five trucks were

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Green-Barr Stitchers Back at Work-Cutters May Air Grievances

The 200 stitchers who walked out of the Green-Barr Shoe Shop earlier in the week reported for work Friday morning after a long conference between union officials and the company management Thursday afternoon.

Frank L. Prescott, acting chairman of the negotiating committee of United Shoe Workers of America local (CIO) was accompanied Thursday by Bernard McGovern, price expert of the union for this district. President Benjamin Segall represented the factory during the conversations.

Mr. McGovern's knowledge of recognized price standards on the work under dispute proved of great advantage to the negotiating committee. All of the major points of the union demands were soon settled and the minor details will be adjudicated within the next few days.

About 600 cases of shoes awaited the stitchers when they returned to work. As soon as these cases are stitched it is expected that the other departments will start operations.

However, the cutters have several grievances with the Green-Barr Company which may possibly cause some trouble early next week. It is understood that the cutters will insist on at least two major concessions from the management before resuming work.

European Mess Has Queer Look About It — Strange How Munich "Pals" Could Fall Out So Quickly

There is something decidedly queer about the European situation. Only a few weeks ago Premier Chamberlain and Premier Daladier, representing the conservative forces of Great Britain and France, were working hand-in-glove with Hitler and Mussolini. Now, apparently, the deal is off.

The reason given for the break is Hitler's ruthless absorption of what was left of the Czech Republic. That is not an impressive excuse.

Last September, when the Czechs had 1,000,000 fighting men, splendidly equipped, and when Russia was prepared to come in from the east, Chamberlain and Daladier signed the "Peace of Munich" with Hitler and Mussolini.

Broke Word to Aid Hitler

In doing that, France broke its pledged word to Czechoslovakia, and Chamberlain had to do a lot of explaining at home and

abroad.

Before the Treaty of Munich, Hitler was comparatively weak. After Chamberlain and Daladier assisted him in crippling Czechoslovakia, he was immensely stronger.

Chamberlain and Daladier are not children. They are old politicians and students of European affairs. They knew, when they made the "Peace of Munich" that they were placing Hitler in a position where he could "do things." Now they are horrified because he is acting as they had every reason to believe he would act.

"Something Has Happened"

Their conduct simply does not make sense. There is,

undoubtedly, a large-sized colored gentleman somewhere in the European wood pile.

In other words, within the last few weeks something has happened to disturb the happy relations between Great Britain and France on one side, and Germany and Italy on the other. Britain and France have immense colonial empires. Possibly they have decided that Hitler and Mussolini are determined to get large-sized slices of that territory.

There is the rich trade of southeastern Europe, including Roumania, which Hitler seems determined to monopolize.

Then there is the situation in Spain. Hitler and Mussolini supplied the arms and men which enabled Franco to win. They want the fruits of victory. Chamberlain helped Franco, too. He would like to place a puppet king on the throne of Spain and, with the aid of London bankers, really rule Spain, economically.

There are any number of other possible causes of friction. They are of great concern to Britain and France. They are of very little concern to us.

Courting the Soviet

Naturally, Britain and France would like to get the United States, and even Russia, in on their side. That calls attention to another queer development. France signed an offensive and defensive treaty with Russia not so many years ago, but after the "Peace of Munich" the French slapped the Russians in the face, and told them to go about their business.

That was at a time when the European correspondents were telling us that Britain and France were encouraging Hitler to move in to the Ukraine and make war against the Soviets instead of talking about recovering the colonies which Germany lost during the World War.

Now Britain and France are inviting Russia to join in a "stop Hitler" crusade. For the moment they prefer Communism to Fascism, but

the Russians know something about European diplomacy, too, and they refuse to get their feet wet until they discover just how far Britain and France are prepared to go in their opposition to the totalitarian dictators.

Here at home we find propagandists, most of them masquerading as lecturers and educators, swarming over the land. They are telling us that the United States is in a position to "play a grand role" in the next war, and the shocking thing is that a lot of our people are falling for it.

Michigan Solon Has Novel Plan To Swell Employment Rolls

A brand new suggestion to take American workers off relief and put them into jobs in industry was proposed to the House this week by Congressman Frank E. Hook, a Michigan "New Dealer," who has an excellent labor record.

Boiled down to a few words, Hook wants the government to subsidize employers who hire men now idle. He claims this will do the trick and that his program will cost Uncle Sam much less than relief.

If an employer will agree to hire additional men at regular wages, the government will be obligated by Hook's legislation to pay a percent of the increased wage bill. The Michigan solon said:

"If this is done, I will guarantee that we will put 9,000,000 additional men and women back on private payrolls, providing them with an income that will enable them to feel they are decently and honestly working for the dollar they receive."

The only strings attached to the plan, Hook emphasized, are that the workers must be drawn from the ranks of the jobless and that they be paid full wages. Safeguards are established to keep a strict curb on the would-be cheselers.

"The only way to restore prosperity," Hook declared, "is to bring labor and industry out of the dumps. We must put at least 9,000,000 workers into jobs at honest-to-goodness wages, so that they can buy some of the luxuries as well as the necessities."

"When this is done, we will have solved the farm and other problems. If my proposal is given a trial, say, for at least three years, I am confident we can wipe off all our relief agencies and enable men to live as they are entitled to live in a democracy."

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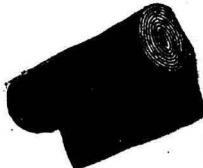
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We Do Not Need It

We have never approved of the sit-down strike; we have, however, fully sympathized with those workers who were forced to use such extreme measures in order to obtain justice. An impartial examination will show that in most such cases the strikers were compelled to act as they did, in order to keep the plant from being immediately filled with professional strike breakers and so turned into an armed camp. That is why happened in the Little Steel plants, where the strikers, complying with all the more conservative and orthodox means of conducting a strike, were struck down and beaten into helplessness. The La Follette committee brought this all out during its investigation.

Employer groups doubtlessly look upon the recent sit-down strike Supreme Court decision as a great victory for the anti-union forces. The Tory conservative press has said as much in gleeful editorials hinting that it is the first step in the ultimate destruction of the NLRB's effectiveness. Why the NLRB was dragged into the case is hard to fathom; it did not advocate or countenance sit-down strikes any more than it has ever advocated strikes of any kind. The only interest it takes in strikers pertains to their status as workers, seeking to assure them of all the rights to which they are legally entitled, both as human beings and as citizens of the nation.

Labor does not need the sit-down strike to gain its ends and so the Supreme Court's ruling will work no hardship. It would never have had to resort to them if the employers in the case had fulfilled the obligations universally acknowledged as due to workers in this modern age.

Red Slander

According to the Soviet constitution, the congress must meet once a year to discuss policies. One such meeting occurred recently.

Americans will be interested in the speech of Manuisky, of the executive committee. According to this functionary, Communist enrollment in the United States is small. Ninety thousand is a very small part of our huge population. The encouraging feature, as Manuisky sees it, is that this figure represents an increase of nearly five hundred per cent within five years.

How was it done? In a statement which was either very tactless or extremely astute, the Soviet official said: "The party has grown because it has facilitated the strengthening of industrial trade unions and because it has conducted a tireless and patient work among the 3,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor for restoration of trade union unity, on the basis of the class struggle."

It is quite possible that this speech is artful, rather than the tactless bombast it appears. Stalin knew the American references in this feast of oratory would be reported. It might be his purpose to stigmatize a great American labor group as organized, through "tireless and patient work" by Communist borers, on a "class struggle" basis. In regard to this particular organization, no such stigma is deserved. Manuisky was either talking largely, for the comfort of listening comrades, or he was deliberately lying.

But we can thank him for his warning that when the Communist interests himself in American labor, it is with the hope of orienting the group toward the "class struggle." The welfare of the worker's second-

ary. It is even desirable, from the Communist viewpoint, that the injustice workers sometimes suffer, should not be rectified. The laborer who is satisfied that his employer gives a square deal, does not thrill to Marx' theory of surplus value. He is a reluctant recruit to the proletarian revolution.

The Real Answer

After listening to an immense amount of chatter by public men of all parties concerning public expenditures, Thomas L. Stokes, a highly efficient young Washington newspaper man, decided to make a survey on his own account, and here's what he discovered:

During the 12 months beginning July 1, next, the Roosevelt administration expects to spend \$3,985,000,000. That's certainly a lot of money. Where does it go?

Well, Mr. Stokes found that only \$865,000,000, or less than one-tenth, went to "regular departments." Not much chance to trim there!

Then came \$1,865,000 for national defense and veterans' pensions, and \$1,050,000,000 for interest on the public debt. Almost three billions to pay for old wars and to prepare for new conflicts! Even Senator Byrd wouldn't suggest a cut there.

The agricultural program will take \$694,000,000 (and the farmers insist that's not enough), and public works of all sorts, including, T. V. A., reclamation, rivers and harbors improvements, flood control and public buildings, \$1,044,000,000.

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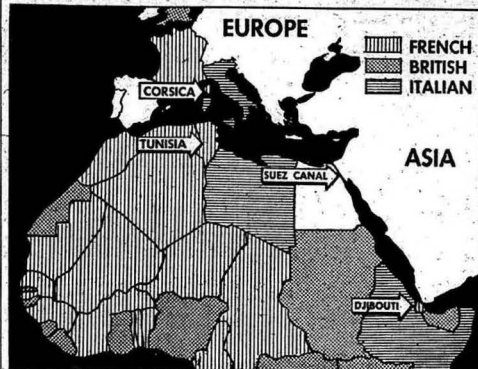
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Mother, 13 Years Old, to Celebrate Birthday



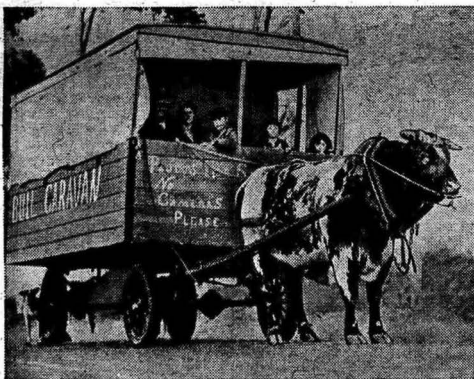
Mrs. Louella Brookbank of Dayton, Ohio, who will celebrate her birthday anniversary this month, is pictured with her young son, who was born in March. Her husband, Merrill Brookbank, is 15. The child weighed four pounds, 8½ ounces when it was born. Needless to say, the father is very proud!

Focal Points in Italo-French Crisis



Arrows indicate key Mediterranean and African territories where Italy is pressing concessions from France. In Tunisia, with almost as many Italian residents as French, Paris is willing to grant minority rights to the followers of Premier Mussolini. Italy also wants equal administration rights over the Suez canal, "lifeline" to her East African territory, and control over the railroad which runs from Djibouti, in French Somaliland, to Addis Ababa, in the heart of Italian East Africa. The island of Corsica, for which an unofficial Italian campaign has been started, will likely remain French territory.

One Bullpower Caravan Takes to Road



J. L. Talent wagered 50 pounds that he could take himself, his wife and three children in this unique caravan from Mildura to Melbourne, Australia, a distance of 350 miles, in 12 weeks. He had traveled for 10 weeks when this picture was taken, and expected to reach Melbourne in one more week.

Felon Offers Self To Leper Colony

"I'm a two time loser," Henry Joseph told a San Francisco judge before whom he appeared on a bad check charge. "I want to atone for some of what I've done. I want to go to the leper colony in the Philippines and do some good for someone." He was sentenced to a jail term until arrangements were completed for his mission of mercy.



Tree Stump Studded With Nails.
In the Stock-im Eisen Platz, Vienna, there stands an ancient tree trunk heavily studded with nails. It is said that from nearly the Sixteenth century every blacksmith's apprentice was required to drive a nail in this famous stump before he could ply his trade.

Two Friendly Watchdogs Patrol Mount Hood Resort



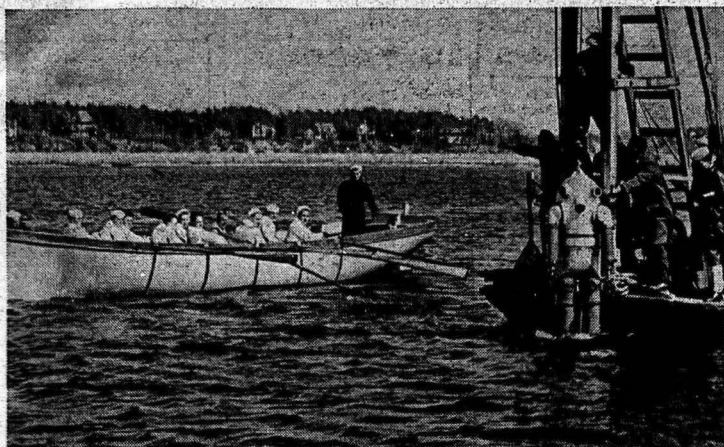
Massive, friendly and famous are Lady, left, and Breuhl, the huge St. Bernard dogs who dwell at Timberline lodge on Mount Hood. The dogs are hitched to a toboggan at the mile-high Oregon resort. In the background is Mount Hood's two-mile peak. Lady and Breuhl gained national fame last summer when they accompanied climbers to the mountain summit. Lady made the descent alone, but Breuhl lost his nerve.

Speedy Toy Auto Draws Children

Not exactly a plaything for kids, this toy automobile is said to burn up the road at 80 miles per hour. Seven-year-old Dick Sinclair was a bit shy, but mighty proud to pose with the one-cylinder racing car at the spring hobby show of the Detroit Yacht club.

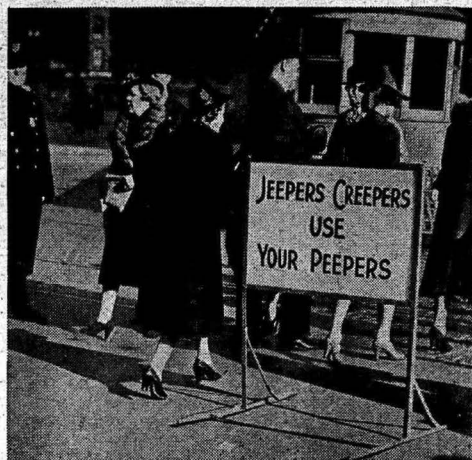


Cadets Experiment With New Type Diving Suit



Cadets of the Admiral Farragut Naval academy watch as a new diving suit is tested in the Toms river to determine the feasibility of using a mixture of helium and oxygen for deep-sea diving. The experiment was made by Cyril von Vaumann, traveler, writer and explorer. The diver controls the amount of air by manipulation of the valves of the tanks he carries with him. The suit weighs 1,100 pounds.

Now It's Safety First in Swingtime



Swing music has at last made its influence felt in the field of safety education. Cleveland, Ohio, police erected this sign addressed to motorists and pedestrians in the center of the street at public square. Pedestrians, however, are not expected to shag across the intersections.

Baseball Manufacturers Show How It's Done



Even the manufacturing of baseballs calls for mass production. These pictures show the construction of balls used by the American and National leagues. Left: By machine the cushion center, rubber over cork, is wound with woolen yarn. Next comes a wool winding, then a fine cotton winding. Center: The horseshoe cover is inspected, and (right) is sewed on by hand. The ball is examined for weight at each step, and undergoes close inspection during each stage.

WHEN TO EAT



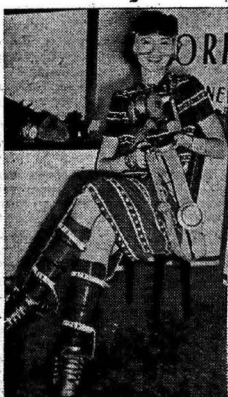
Leo, giant lion at the St. Louis zoo, adds a thunderous roar to the turmoil which precedes feeding time at the lion house.

RUNS WHITE HOUSE



From this desk in her office on the basement floor of the White House, Mrs. Henry F. Nesbitt, housekeeper and accountant, supervises the domestic staff, makes certain that the President gets his meals on time, that there is ample food on hand and, enough linen, silver and china to serve the Roosevelt and the White House guests.

STYLES FOR SAFETY



Members of the Greater New York Safety council, when they met recently, found out what the safe worker of 1939 will wear. Miss Sammy Cunningham demonstrates aluminum toe guards, fiber shin guards, an eye shield of non-inflammable plastered and a respirator. She holds a safety belt with red reflectors.

New Students for Old Master



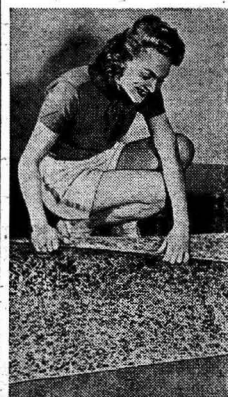
Connie Mack, grand old man of baseball, took time out from the job of putting his 1939 Philadelphia Athletics through their paces to give a few batting pointers to the girls of the Lake Charles (La.) high school. The training camp of the A's is back-to-back with the school's athletic field, and it didn't take the youngsters long to make the acquaintance of the old master.

HAT FOR SPRING



Lilac wings and pink carnations set the spring color scheme of this tiny straw hat. The streamers are pink silk velvet ribbon.

A RUG OF GLASS



The young lady can roll this "glass rug" because it really is a broken sheet of the new safety plate glass for automobiles. A new type of solvent has been placed between two thin layers of plate glass. The broken fragments cling to the solvent. It was introduced at a scientific meeting at Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Middlesex Supply Co. Offers Real Values At Anniversary Sale

Founded on principles of service low prices and efficient, courteous handling of customers, the Middlesex Supply Co., one of this city's best-known firms, has prepared an exceptional number of special values for its 16th anniversary celebration, now in full swing.

The Middlesex Supply Co., has stores at 584 Merrimack street and 106 Middlesex St., within easy reach of everybody in Lowell and suburbs. Customers Satisfied

Its success over a period of years has been due to its unflinching policy of giving every customer the most for his or her money. Allied with service by clerks who know their business thoroughly and who are more than just salesmen, this policy has given the Middlesex Supply Co. an enviable position in local business circles.

Harry Lampert is personally in charge of the business. He is assisted by a veteran and capable staff. At the Middlesex street store, these

include H. Travis, James Molloy, David Lipinsky, Ed Murphy, James Rowbotham, W. Cherry, M. Baskin, M. Sorokin, C. Tapper, William Ahern, and Jack Lipinski. Sidney Cohen, Ira Harris and Miss E. Travers, Mr. Travis has had 14 years of duty to his credit. Mr. Molloy has 7 years.

The Merrimack street store is staffed by Joseph Richards, Donat Paquin, Henry Guerin, and Philip Lipinsky. Mr. Richards is the veteran of the group and has a wide personal following, established through years of consistent good service.

Garden Needs
Spring is here and with it comes the need for restoring many parts of the house. In a short time it will be necessary to putter around the garden, to plant flowers and vegetables and pretty things up for the good weather months.

Anticipating the needs of its customers, the Middlesex Supply Co., has stocked its two stores with articles of all kinds obtained at unusually low prices and offered for sale at money-saving prices.

This stock includes garden and farm implements, tools of all kinds for use in city houses, apartment buildings, blocks and stores, paints and varnishes of all kinds as well as associated materials, seeds as well as the usual wide and low-priced stock of all kinds of hardware.

The Middlesex Supply Co., has established a name for the quality of its electrical goods, fixtures and appliances and bath and kitchen fixtures in price ranges to

suit everybody.

Last Week of Sale

The current values will be offered for at least another week, but will be withdrawn as soon as stocks diminish. In many cases, it will be impossible for the management to obtain goods at such low prices, again. Prompt and efficient service, rapid delivery from store to home and consistent low prices are by-words in this 16th anniversary sale as they have been in the past.

Founded In 1891, The Quality Wine Store Boasts Finest Stock

The Quality Wine store of Arthur L. Turcotte still stands for the quality, courtesy and service which has characterized this business landmark since its establishment in 1891.

Down through the years these three prime requisites of any successful business have flashed out like beacon lights in Lowell's commercial life.

When you buy at Arthur

L. Turcotte's you are assured of quality. The most extensive line of beer, ale, whiskey, wine, gin, brandy and cordials are stocked on the shelves of the Quality Wine Store.

No matter what you may require in the line of liquors, domestic or foreign, you'll find it at the Quality Wine Store.

In ordering alcoholic beverages by phone prompt service is often requested. Arthur L. Turcotte has made this feature one of the main reasons for his business success. Telephone in your order to Dial-9411 and your purchase is practically at your door.

Situated almost directly across from City Hall, The Quality Wine Store is handy to downtown shoppers. There is ample parking space, too, which is often of great convenience. Dial 9411 for quick sedan delivery. The store where your grandfather used to trade. Arthur L. Turcotte's Quality Wine Store.

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image." Man said, "Let us make God in our image."—Douglas Jerrold.

Thrift Shop Makes Pre-Easter Appeal For Old Clothing

The Thrift Shop, operated by the Catholic Salvage Bureau at 196 Middlesex St., is an enterprise which has produced much good since its inception.

The Thrift Shop is operated without profit. The entire idea is to furnish clothing and furniture to families who cannot afford to buy new articles at a cost ridiculously low and which represents only the cost of renovation and the upkeep of the establishment.

At this particular time, when so much new apparel is being bought for Easter, the board of directors is making a special request for clothing that has been discarded.

The board of directors consist of Mrs. William H. Sullivan, president, Mrs. George E. Desrochers, Rev. John H. Manion, Mrs. James B. Casey and Mrs. Joseph E. Crawford.

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BUD or BLOSSOM

Sun Expose Exposed Only The Sun's Spite

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adopted the idea of incorporation.

SUN-McINTYRE, NO LIKE

Now it appears The Sun has had a mad on with Don McIntyre for some years past. Harry Glasheen, sports editor of the Leader, has gone out of his way repeatedly to foster and develop high school athletics. The Sun sports department has offered critical comment often where the Leader presented a boost. At any rate McIntyre, The Sun claims, favors. The Leader in his news releases. So, therefore, The Sun is agin McIntyre and is out to snatch the poor chap baldheaded if it can, which it most likely can't however.

So The Sun took after the newly incorporated High School Athletic Association with the idea of upsetting Donald R. McIntyre even if that did mean taking a fling at his six associates.

The members of the school committee who are included in the corporation are the three appointed to the sub-committee on athletics by the mayor. Mayor Archambault, it is said, is a little touchy about the whole thing because he wasn't included. Sure, they might have included Gov. Saltonstall and the Secretary of War, too, for it wasn't just right to ignore the state and federal governments in the incorporation.

GALLAGHER SATISFIED
Charles E. Gallagher, managing-editor of the Evening Leader and considered the most astute and best informed press commentator in Lowell, praised in print the formation of the corporation to take over the municipal duty that the administration has shirked for three years.

So The Sun exposed only a topic that was weeks old and thoroughly understood by every person conversant with the history and present requisites of high school athletics.

There's nothing like a robust, well written expose of something or other worth while to pep up community interest. But a spiteful article, dressed up with misrepresentations so palpable as to appear pitiful, is a dobbin of another hue. But, anyhow, what more might we expect when we consider the source.

New Lowell Racket By Auto Dealers

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LISTEN TO THIS

The next place the lad in search of the best buy tried offered him \$311 for his old car in a trade-in for an \$855 new gas buggy. But here's where the catch came in—this dealer wanted monthly notes over an 18-month period of \$39 each or an aggregate of \$702.

Add this figure to the turn-in value and we arrive at the sum of \$1013 for a car listed at \$855. The finance charge, plus insurance in this case jumps to \$158.

This represents a hoist of \$63 over the terms offered by the first dealer. The shopper was offered \$1 more for his old car but \$64 was slyly placed in the finance charges.

HERE'S THE PRIZE

But the third dealer was the prize chisler. The new car handles lists at \$885. Here the bargain hunter was given the works plenty. This particular dealer has a slot machine racket on the side and evidently believes that he should milk the suckers equally fast in both enterprises.

This dealer offered him \$350 for his old car. And 18 notes at \$40 per month. Wow!

The value of the notes reach the absurd figure of \$720. The customer would actually pay \$1070 for a machine which sells for \$885.

Using as a basis the terms on notes of the first dealer interviewed this last dealer would really be paying \$260 for the car. Well, figure it out for yourself.

This racket of offering a high price for your old car and then adding to your finance charges in order to offset the initial generous treatment is a racket that has fooled many buyers of automobiles.

Don't give that trade-in value to your old car a tumble until you learn what your finance charge will total. It's the

only way in which to insure yourself against the chiseling dealer.

The figures given in this article are authentic and actually represent the manner, and lack of ethics prevalent among some of our automobile dealers. So keep on you toes and refuse to be imposed upon when you're car shopping.

WPA Money Used For Machines—Labor Hurt

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purchased from Dan O'Dea, Inc., with money thus diverted from the channels intended for its distribution.

On next Tuesday bids will be opened at the office of the purchasing agent for a bulldozer and a printing "machine."

This bulldozer gadget is placed on the front end of a truck for the purpose of pushing dirt, a job formerly executed by a pick and shovel brigade.

The printing "machine" still remains a mystery. To what use this will be put

hasn't been explained. At any rate the WPA money expended on these machines certainly cannot be used to employ Labor.

Unions Membership Are At All Time High

Union membership in the A. F. of L., the C. I. O., and the Standard Railway Labor Organizations unions forged ahead to an all-time high of over 8,000,000 in 1938, the Department of Labor reported last week.

This encouraging advance was revealed in a study made by Miss Florence Peter, director of the Department's Industrial Relations Index. Even more significant, Miss Peterson said, was the fact that the unions pushed forward in many trades despite last year's business slump.

Railroad train and engine service was listed among the fields almost 100 percent unionized and under written contracts. Close runner-ups were rail shops and maintenance and Railroad clerical

service.

Some of the biggest gains of the year were made among electrical workers and machinists, Miss Perkins pointed out. Each of the A. F. of L. unions in these fields—the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the International Association of Machinists, passed the 200,000 mark in membership.

These record increases were put over at the same time that strikes fell in number to half the figure for 1938, Miss Peterson said. Workers involved in walk-outs were less than a third of the previous year.

She called 1938 "a year of transition" during which a good many hard-boiled anti-union employers changed their tune and began dealing with unions for the first time in their lives.

While many bitter-enders remain, the past year, she said, found "an increasing numbers of employers who had accepted unionism and were making a since effort to adjust their personnel policies and methods to the new situation."

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Mother and grandmother, too, want new Easter footwear . . . these Clintons are just what they want . . . combining the very latest styles with comfort in the form of an arch-fitting feature.

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MEN'S GOODYEAR WELT

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CONGESTED TRAFFIC ON BRIDGE STREET COULD BE EASILY RELIEVED

To the thousands of motorists who have occasion to cross Central bridge during the late afternoon hours or in the early evening the traffic congestion appears as needless as it is annoying. And these irate motorists are absolutely right.

Several years ago Supt. LeGrand of the Street Department made a suggestion that the alley running along the canal, now used as a private parking space by Brockelman's Market, be accepted by the city. LeGrand pointed out that by this means Belvidere bound traffic could be routed off Bridge St., before reaching Kearney Square.

To anyone who has given the

suggestion any study the plan is feasible. The delay to motorists crossing Central bridge has now reached a point where something must be done about it.

The only sensible remedy for the over crowded Bridge street traffic is to open up this areaway running along the canal from 95 Bridge to East Merrimack.

In the coming mayoralty campaign it is issues of this nature that the men and women of Lowell are most interested in. Civic improvements mean in the long run, both a better city in which to work and live and a lower tax rate.

THEY TOOK OUR WORD FOR IT!

Two weeks ago the Free Press carried an expose of the merchandise being joisted on the public by the advertised "Going Out of Business" sale of the Crane Clothes Co. We advised that company to go out of business—as quickly as possible.

We are pleased to report that the former premises of the Crane Clothes Co. are now empty. The Crane Clothes Co., has "gone out of business" in reality.

The Mayor In Bad Spot-Sheriff McElroy Has Humane Ideals

If Mayor Archambault intends to have a try for a third term, national events of the past week have placed him in an embarrassing position. Whether he knows it or not, the mayor stuck out his neck when he publicly stated that no workers varied on the payroll previous to the change in WPA hours would receive welfare from the city.

Without arguing the question pro and con, it is safe to assert that the statement left a bitter taste among many in the WPA ranks. The impression has gained credence, whether or not it is true, that the mayor is in favor of the longer—hour schedule.

All over the country local politicians are having their hands full trying to achieve a middle course in the argument. Only there just doesn't appear to be a middle course. Either you're in favor of the longer hours at the same pay or you're against it.

ROOSEVELT'S RUB

When the WPA was first put into effect the bigwigs in the administration rubbed their hands with glee. Here was a scheme whereby the administration might perpetuate itself in office. But the smartest politician of them all crossed his fingers.

Postmaster General Jim Farley told the President then that when it came time to make a change downward in the WPA projects the administration would lose all the friends he had created through this medium and make bitter enemies to boot.

Farley's analysis has again been proven correct. If President Roosevelt had any idea of seeking a third term that ambition evaporated with the lengthening of WPA hours.

A HUMANE SHERIFF

Last week three inmates of the Billerica adjunct of the Cambridge House of Correction escaped. They were rounded up before daylight by

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JOHN CONLON VICTIM OF GREEDY, WOLFISH COMPETITOR SLANDER

For the fourth time in 18 months John J. Conlon has applied for transfer of his so-called package store license. After three times refusing his request to move his business from a locality where he can never hope to make a living, the License Commission granted a hearing to the remonstrants who sprang to arms over Conlon's latest attempt to transfer his store. The Commission now has the case under advisement.

Mr. Conlon requests that he be allowed to locate his business at the corner of Bridge and Paige streets. The remonstrants are the Mautice H. Powers Liquor Co., and the T. F. Kelley Co., Inc., a pair of competitors.

John Conlon's personal, as well as business, reputation is beyond reproach. Down through the years his charity and kindly interest in everyone who needed a helping hand has shone like a burnished beacon out upon his far from small sphere of influence. Suffice it to say that John Conlon is a credit to his race and religion, to the land of his birth and the country of his adoption.

But a reputation such as John Conlon has earned doesn't signify much to some men in the local liquor trade, apparently. And the supposition that any person who pays to the city a license fee is entitled to be granted a business location where he can at least earn a living, seems nonsense. It's simply a dog-eat-dog racket with some of 'em.

HEARING A FARCE

At the hearing Mr. Powers complained that the proposed new location of John Conlon's package store would interfere with the profits accruing to the Powers concern. In fact Mr. Powers let it be known that his business wasn't any too good anyhow. Mr. Powers appeared to try to leave the impression with the Commission that his business was under an eclipse or even that it never had been such a much under the best of conditions.

Well, Maurice H. Powers is a former postoffice employee. Following that he took a fling at the market business.

He has been in the liquor business five years. One of his summers he spent in Italy. During another summer he was shipped over to Italy. Powers also managed to scrape up enough money to visit Cuba and sail to Caribbean in another season.

So, all in all, the Bridge street li-

returned enough profits, it would appear to afford him considerable time and money for foreign travel. Tough as it is, it must be far ahead of the postoffice job and the meat market.

THE KELLEY CO.

The other remonstrant is the T. F. Kelley Co. Inc. One of the incorporators of this concern is J. Henry Gilbride of the law firm of Kerwin and Gilbride. Mr. Gilbride is commonly considered the motivating genius in the Kelley Co.

Not content with being a stock holder in the Kelley Co., Attorney Gilbride is also a member of the group that owns the Lowell Liquor Mart which operates in the Giant Store. Some time ago Mr. Gilbride had this license transferred from Central street to its present profitable surroundings. But he intends to see to it that John Conlon isn't granted his transfer.

So Mr. Paul Foisy, who works out of the Kerwin & Gilbride office, appeared against the granting of the Conlon license at the hearing. Attorney Foisy had himself a lengthy document purporting to prove that the Commission should not grant package store locations where they might attract trade from some rival company.

In passing, it might be noted that both the Powers Liquor Co., and the Kelley Co., are said to purchase from 80 to 90 percent of their merchandise from out-of-town firms.

JOSEPH P. DONAHUE

Attorney Joseph P. Donahue appeared at the hearing for John Conlon and his remarks to the Commission formed an epic.

"My client is the object of persecution by vicious interests," said Mr. Donahue. "Four times he has appeared before this body a man without a blemish on either his business or personal reputation, a man simply asking that he be allowed to make a living in return for the fee which he annually pays to the city for his license."

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GORDON BROTHERS PAY FOR A BUS BUT IT WAS VERY HARD MONEY

"Hello, is this the Gordon Bros. Market? Yes? Well, let me speak to one of the Gordon brothers, please. What's that? Oh, you are one of the Gordon brothers? And what would your name be, please.

"Benny, you say? So you're Benny Gordon—are you? Well I'm one of the committee that is raising money for the Junior Safety Council outing. And what do you mean by turning down our request for a gift for the picnic?

"What's that you say—you're not interested in the outing? And why should you give anything, anyway, even if you were? So that's the way you feel about it is it, Benny?

"How much money did you make off city welfare last year? Twenty-eight thousand dollars the city paid you, is that right? What's that you say? You'll give five bucks? Now ain't that generous of you? With every other merchant contributing at least \$15 you say you'll loosen up with a fin.

"Who am I? Well, if it'll do your little heart any good to know I'm a member of the City Council. Yeah. What's that again? You are sure that

you can see your way clear to pay for the hire of a bus? Okay, Benny, I'll send somebody right over there to pick up that bus hire. And, Benny, be sure and be in when he gets there," Benny was in.

The WPA Is Lowell's Largest Industry—A Vital Problem Here

At present the WPA is Lowell's largest industry. As such its well-being is of vital interest to every man and woman in Lowell. Business, as well as Labor, has a huge stake in the WPA, for without the Federal payroll Lowell business would suffer appreciably.

The increase in working hours for the WPA without increase in pay is a vicious problem right now. While the intent of the change was probably well meant, it seems a foregone conclusion that at the present time private industry will be unable to absorb those who find the new wage scale pitifully low.

There can be no dispute that the WPA rolls number quite a few men who never have worked and never will deliver an honest day's work to any employer. But at the same time, it should be equalized well realized that the big majority of WPA workers are industrious and only too anxious to find a job.

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BUDGET BALANCER

Next time your budget gets a bit lean toward the end of the month, try this recipe for **BAKED STEAK AND SPAGHETTI**. You'll find it's a sure fire money-saver if you use an inexpensive cut of meat like round steak. Dressed up with seasonings and served with spicy spaghetti, this dish has all the succulence and fine flavor of a choice cut of meat. It's a quick and easy dish to do, too—just grind the meat with onion and garlic, fry in butter until the meat crumbles are all brown and juicy, then arrange in a copious casserole with layers of racy-flavored, ready-to-serve spaghetti. Sprinkle in cheese and bake a brief half hour in a 350° oven. Just follow these proportions for a guaranteed budget builder-upper:

BAKED STEAK AND SPAGHETTI

- Grind together—**
- 1 lb. round steak
 - 1 small clove garlic
 - 1 small onion
- then brown in—**
- 2 tablespoons butter.
- Season with—**
- 1 teaspoon salt
 - Dash pepper.
- Arrange the meat and—**
- 1 large (24 oz.) can cooked spaghetti in tomato sauce alternately in thin layers in greased casserole, beginning and ending with spaghetti.
- Sprinkle with—**
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, or sharp cheese.
- Bake in a hot oven (400° F.) 30 minutes.**

FANCY FARE

Next time it's your turn to entertain the bridge club, serve refreshments that will leave you free to enjoy your own party. A dessert salad with wafers and coffee, for instance, makes a fine light menu that you can prepare ahead of time. And it will be a distinct

one, too. We American menu-makers really excel in this sort of salad. We just seem to have a weakness for parafied pretties tucked in a lettuce cup and capped with a luxurious dressing. Delicate fresh fruits merged with mayonnaise—tender tasty aspics ringed around mounds of crab flakes—or pears rolled in macaroon crumbs and bedded in crisp lettuce cups. Why don't you try this plan and see how it goes? Here now is just the salad for a starter—a creamy fruit concoction frozen all smooth and solid in the refrigerator. Served with crisp salt wafers and a good cup of black coffee this makes fine enough food for your most important party:



FRUIT SALAD DESSERT MOLDS

- Mash to a smooth pulp—**
- 3 ripe bananas.
- Combine with—**
- 1 cup diced canned pineapple
 - 1 cup diced canned pears
 - 1 doz. maraschino cherries, thinly sliced.
- Combine—**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice. then add to fruit.
- Whip until stiff—**
- 1 cup whipping cream, then fold into the fruit mixture.
- Using fluted waxed paper cups, place one cup inside of another to make a more solid foundation. Pour salad mixture into these double cups, then set in freezing tray in refrigerator. Or pour salad into freezing tray lined with waxed paper. Freeze 3 to 6 hours, or until solid. Decorate with whipped cream, using pastry tube. Continue freezing 1 hour or until cream is firm. Peel cup loose, then place on salad plate and garnish with geranium, galax or other attractively shaped leaves. If molded in freezing tray, cut into squares and serve as above.

Molders Launch Plan To Help Conditions

Joliet, Illinois, July 10th, Molders Union No. 221, affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, has launched a movement whereby it hopes to greatly improve conditions by throwing the power of organized labor into a drive both new and novel in conception and operation.

It embraces a new philosophy in the labor movement, presenting a constructive, helpful plan, whereby the employer, who is fully cooperating with organized labor, shall in return, receive whole-hearted support from trade unionists, rather than the negative course which, to a great extent, has been followed in the past by organized labor in publishing a "We Do Not Patronize" list of products made by non-union manufacturers.

Joliet, Illinois, is one of the great steel manufacturing centers of the United States. Among the important allied activities is the Moore Corporation. This Company has been engaged, for 83 years, in the manufacture of cooking and heating appliances—coal and gas ranges, coal-gas and oil-gas combination ranges, furnaces and circulating-radiating heaters for coal, oil and gas. Union workers are employed in their plant 100 percent.

A large percentage of the Molders in Joliet are employed by The Moore Corporation, who has been in business here for 83 years and enjoys the finest reputation. Moore's products carry the Union label and are proud of the confidence which they have earned with their workers who have been putting skill, confidence, efficiency and artistry in Moore's products.

Movement Creates New Philosophy

Like most all manufacturing industries, The Moore Corporation has felt the effects of unsettled world conditions. As new problems have arisen, so likewise have new ideas been developed. The Moore Corporation has been successful in keeping its furnaces burning and its employees have been kept from relief rolls. For this reason the Molders Local No. 221 is launching a concentrated nation-wide movement to help them improve their new philosophy, that the employer who is producing 100 per cent Union made goods is deserving of the wholehearted support of organized labor.

Appeals have been made to labor unions all over the United States, asking that they tell their membership of the long and creditable Union affiliation of The Moore Corporation and that appreciation be shown by the purchase of Moore's products.

Already there is hearty response from many sections of the country with dealers reporting increased sales of the Union-made coal and gas ranges, circulating-radiating oil gas and coal heaters and furnaces made by The Moore Corporation. Likewise, inquiries have come from crafts regarding the plan which is being presented by Molders Local No. 221—other lines hope to adopt this new idea in their line of manufacturing as a means of helping their industry out of the depression.

Molders Local No. 221, has the full cooperation of the Cen-

Gagnon's Introduces Budget Book System At Local Dept. Store

A budget plan, new to this city, and simple to operate, has just been introduced by Gagnon's progressive store management. The plan is in the form of a book, of a convenient size, which contains coupons of various denominations for a total value of \$10. These books may be purchased at the store for the small sum of \$1 weekly. The coupons range in value from one cent to 50¢.

The use of the books is simple. The customer shops and coupons to the amount of the purchases are detached from the book by the clerk. The transaction is then complete, with no waiting. The feature of the new system is not only the speeding up of service but also the inauguration of a modern and efficient method, devised by experts, which is in use in department stores in all large cities. Gagnon's call attention with pride to the fact that it is the first store in Lowell to present the public this plan.

Accounts may be opened at any time. All budget business is conducted in a private office and in a strictly confidential manner. The system operates in any department of the store, without extra charge. All the facilities of the store are at the demand of budget customers. The budget books also fill a long want because they help solve the "what-to-give" problem. If a customer has a gift to buy, for bride, shower, birthday or any other occasion, and is unable to think what would please the recipient she may present her friend one of the new budget books that she may make the purchase herself.

Supplementing the new budget system, Gagnon's has the regular 30-day charge accounts, as in the past.

THE NEW COMPETITION

A man mortgaged his home to buy an automobile. Then he went around and tried to mortgage the car to build a garage. "How are you going to buy gas?" curiously inquired the man of whom the loan was asked. "Well," replied the other slowly, "if I own a house, a car and a garage, I should think any dealer would be willing to trust me for gas."

Local Trades and Labor Council of Will County, Illinois, both affiliates of The American Federation of Labor, in spreading of its new philosophy of wholeheartedly boosting the real friends of organized labor, rather than wasting time and energy in an negative campaign against non-union concerns, which at the best, are but poor competitors.

During the first three and one-half months of 1938 The Moore Corporation's payroll was \$70,000. During the same period of 1939 this has been increased to \$110,000, as a result of increased production. It is hoped through the campaign launched by Molders Local No. 221 to greatly increase this before the end of the present year there by successfully

HOLLYWOOD Facts Between Acts



FRANK McHUGH—the genial young Irish-American movie actor and baseball fan shown above, had begun to feel that he was never going to be able to prove that he could play other types of characters than the drunks and the nervously-tittering odd-pates that have made him deservedly famous. The luck has changed for him, for within less than a year he has proved his point in four utterly different roles—in "Four Daughters," "Boy Meets Girl," "Wings of the Navy"—and currently, in Warners' lavish technical color production, "Dodge City" in which he is cast as a crusading editor.



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THE TRUTH ABOUT TAXES

By Simeon O. Lesser, in
The NATION

Doubts assail the most devout; you may have an active sympathy for the New Deal and still sometimes wonder if taxes aren't "too high." After reading hundreds of news stories about how burden some taxes are to various firms in relation to sales, earnings, dividends, or pay rolls, you would have to be pretty hard-hearted not to feel some pity for our unfortunate corporate giants. Maybe they could and would pay higher wages if taxes weren't so high. Maybe they could and would lower prices. Maybe high taxes are an important reason by business in so bad. Many Americans now believe that. Many Americans also believe that money paid for taxes is diverted from the general economy, and that things would be all right if we could just balance the budget.

By and large the things we get from government are intangibles, often of no apparent personal value. If we live in the city, we may not see how it helps us for the Government to distribute millions to the farmers. The value of many public services—the provision of water, sewage disposal, traffic regulations, and the like—is, of course, recognized, but we pay for these with very real hard-earned dollars, and naturally we sometimes wonder if we are getting our money's worth. The doubt has been systematically fostered. Restrictive business men and publishers tell us constantly that taxes are too high and a basic cause of poor business. And taxes are high they add because of the extravagance and inefficiency of the Government.

It's high time we saw through this one-sided version of taxation. Either we must attack some of the underlying conditions that make government cost so much or we must become reconciled to paying for the things furnished by the Government, as we are to paying for everything else.

Since the World War Governmental expenditures and taxes have been increased enormously. In 1913 the aggregate tax bill of the country—Federal, State and local—was \$2,259,000,000. In 1930 it was \$10,300,000,000. In 1938, \$13,700,000,000. On a per capita basis, taxes rose from \$23 in 1913 to \$84 in 1930 and \$105 in 1938; and that is not the whole story, for per capita expenditures in 1938 rose still higher. Even when considered as a percentage of a mounting national income, taxes have sharply increased. In 1913 taxes absorbed 7 per cent of the national income; in 1930 14 per cent; in 1937, 17.7 per cent; and in 1938, when national income declined, 22 per cent.

But the additional billions collected weren't thrown away. They were used. We spent \$1,500,000,000 more for education in 1930 than we did in

1913 there were only 1,100,000 for 21.1 per cent of the total increase in Governmental expenditures during the period. In 1913 there were only 1,100,000 students enrolled in public secondary schools. In 1930 there were four times as many. College attendance increased at an almost equal rate. As a nation we committed ourselves to giving most of our children a high-school education and to sending many of them to college. Naturally our expenses rose.

In the same period the automobile skyrocketed Governmental expenditures. There were only 1,250,000 horseless carriages in America in 1913. By 1939 there were 26,500,000—and the Government had to supply roads to this horde of autos. In 1913 we spent only \$181,000,000 for rural highways; in 1930 we spent \$1,500,000,000. The difference represents 17.5 per cent of the increase in the cost of government, additional hundreds of millions had to be spent on city streets and on traffic control.

The oil industry has been more bitter than any other in its complaints about taxes. At every opportunity General Motors' Mr. Sloan sounds off about them, too; and Mr. Ford is the prototype of the rugged individualist who doesn't need the Government and wants no part of it. But would the automobile and oil industries, which were such important factors in the economic efflorescence of the twenties, have achieved anything like their present development if roads had remained a private enterprise, operated on the toll-gate principle, or if the Government had refused to harden the dirt roads of the country? These industries were actually subsidized by the Government; the automobile is one of the principal reasons why taxes are so high. It may be objected that gasoline taxes and automobile license fees have covered the cost of roads, but in fact they have done so only during the past few years.

The essential point, however, in any consideration of expenditures for education and roads is that these expenditures were the direct result of our own demands we wanted paved roads on which we could do sixty miles an hour; we wanted better educational facilities for our children; and we got them. The Government simply acted as our agent. We are to blame for the expenditure, if anyone is. But is anyone to be blamed? Most of us will agree that it is good that we are able to give more of our children more education. And although this is more dubious—I think we shall have to concede that the automobile has added something to the pleasure of life. If the results are good, then the public expenditures which have made them possible have their value too.

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No matter what sort of breakdown is employed in analyzing Governmental expenditures, their connection with the general economy becomes apparent. For example, approximately half of all public expenditures are for salaries and wages. The trend here, between 1913 and 1930, was definitely up. But the trend was up in private industry, too, wages paid by the Government were simply keeping pace.

In the same way the upward trend of business prices has materially affected the cost of Government. About 20 per cent of the Government's expenditures—so criticized by reactionary business—are for the products of business. In the seventeen years between 1933 governments issued \$114,200,000, and 1930 State and local governments worth of bonds for financing construction projects. Clarence Heer estimates that if 1913 construction costs had remained in effect, the projects would have cost only \$7,400,000,000. The difference—\$6,800,000,000—really represents the result of price and wage inflation. According to Heer, "The aggregate burden of taxation in 1930 was about 83 per cent greater than it would have been had 1913 price and wage scales remained in effect."

Once we realize that inconspicuous and gradual changes can affect the cost of Government in this way, we need not be surprised at the bill for the period 1929-33, when there was almost complete collapse of our economy. With the national income 50 per cent less, with 13,000,000 workers out of a job, and with financial values and institutions collapsing, the people naturally turned to the Government for succor. There arose precisely the same kind of pressure which had caused the Government to spend more for education and roads, except that it was more general, intense, and articulate. If you are a farmer or were unemployed in 1933 it won't be necessary to remind you of the direct connection between New Deal spending and your own demands. If you are a big industrialist, you may have to be reminded; and you may hate the New Deal all the more intensely because of your confession of helplessness back in '33. "Just as a proud woman," as Emil Ludwig puts it, "never quite forgets her resentment against the man to whom she yielded in a moment of weakness."

Many of us with good memories err in another way; we perceive the desirability of only those Governmental expenditures which directly benefit us. A fair presentation of the facts would probably overcome this myopia, but the facts are kept from us and the needs of various groups minimized or disregarded. In consequence we attribute the heavy spending of the Roosevelt Administration not to the extraordinary need but to unprecedented extravagance. Or we turn things around and blame the New Deal for the very conditions which compelled the New Deal

to spend. Unemployment, for example, is held to be the result of Government spending and consequent "loss of confidence," instead of recognized as a symptom of some fundamental sickness of our economy. The expenditures made necessary by underlying maladjustments demanding correction are attacked as the cause of those maladjustments.

One more group of Federal expenditures which clearly result from the disordered state of the world must be mentioned—those for war. In 1913 the United States spent \$425,000,000 on past, present and future wars. In 1930 it spent \$2,221,000,000. The difference represents 27.7 per cent of the increase in the cost of Government between 1913 and 1930. As a cause of high taxes war outranks even education or roads. Over 25 cents out of every tax

dollar collected in 1930—Federal, State and local—went to war. On a percentage basis war has cost slightly less in recent years—but only because recovery expenditures outweigh it. In dollars and cents, expenditures for war have reached new peace-time highs.

CANNY AND CAUTIOUS

A Scotchman and his wife walked from their farm to the county fair laden down with a heavy lunch basket. Once arrived at the fair, he considerably turned to her and said: "You'd better let me carry the basket now, Mary, we might get separated in the crowd."

Title and ancestry render a good man more illustrious, but an ill one more contemptible—Addison.

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"WHERE WILL IT ALL END?"

The "New Deal" has closed another fiscal year with a deficit. It's \$3,500,000,000 this time; \$400,000,000 less than Roosevelt estimated last January. The usual cry goes up: "Where will it all end?"

Debts and deficits are not confined to the United States. The pests are universal. Measured by wealth and population, Britain is in infinitely worse shape.

Those who are worrying about the debt would spend their time more profitably if they were to consider what would happen if Uncle Sam stopped spending.

The army of idle numbers, 11,000,000. They are getting material help from the government. Cut that off, and where will we be?

"Business will take care of everything if given a chance," shouts a group which is very vocal. But no one authorized to speak for business comes forward to guarantee the promise. To add to our skepticism, we have the record of the Hoover administration. Business was given a free hand in those days and we skidded down the toboggan until, in 1932, many men, not easily alarmed, feared revolution.

Every sane American wants to get rid of deficits and start on the job of paying off the debt. We have not changed our mind about the way to do it. In the judgment of this paper, the greatest mistake made by this administration is not that it has spent money freely, but that it has not spent enough at one time and in the right way.

Long before this we should have adopted a construction program which would insure full-time work at standard wages for every man able and willing to work, who could not be absorbed by private industry.

That's a large-sized contract, but we must come to it. Roosevelt should have undertaken the job in '33—but every time things began to look good he listened to those who advised easing up on spending. That was a mistake.

Industry should be given every possible encouragement to get going, but men can't starve while business is trying to make up its mind. That's why Uncle Sam must step in with the necessary money and with a program big enough to assure success.

Every day we evade the issue we will be just that much worse off.

RECOVERY GAINS

The first half of 1939 has witnessed a "decided upturn" in business and, barring accidents, the next three months may find industrial production above last year's high, reached in September.

This optimistic forecast was made by the American Federation of Labor in its "Monthly Survey of Business."

The only flies in the ointment, the "Survey" contended, are fear of war and the refusal of business to cooperate in the recovery drive.

"Resistance to New Deal policies has persistently checked business recovery throughout the last five years," the "Survey" emphasized. "This resistance has gained momentum and it is no greater than it was in the recovery of 1935-37."

Recent tax changes and the adjournment of Congress it was predicted, may soften the business attitude, but, on the whole, the "Survey" contended, "it seems likely that business antagonism will continue to prevent New Deal measures from lifting production to the high levels now possible."

It is flattering to the vigor of recovery that, in spite of the antagonism of business men, the situation has "improved so remarkably" that those who are throwing tacks on the track are prospering in spite of themselves.

"The increasing volume means higher profits," the "Survey" declared, "and Standard Statistics holds that profits for the first three quarters of 1939 were 60 per cent above 1938. This shows that business in general this year is substantially more profitable than in 1938."

The "Survey" insists that the President's new \$4,000,000,000 self-liquidating recovery program is bound to lift business in the coming months.

Pay increases this spring have brought hourly earnings almost back to the 1937 high point. At this time last year wage cutting was more or less general; this year increases are the rule.

Because this is so, workers' buying power is declared to have been a strong factor in the present recovery movement.

There were about 1,100,000 more people employed in May this year than in the same month last year, the "Survey" said. Unemployment, however, still remains at nearly 11,000,000, while less than one-third of the 8,500,000 laid off in the 1938 recession have gone back to work.

This is partially the result of labor's greater efficiency, the "Survey" contended, regarding it as highly significant that labor costs per unit of output in manufacturing are 10 percent lower than last year.

Secretary of Labor Perkins reflected the optimism of the A. F. of L. She reported at her press conference that in May there had been a gain of 180,000 workers employed in non-agricultural industries. This was cheering, she said, because employment in these industries generally drops off at this season.

Railroad income went up in May. Profits were about \$23,000,000 as compared with \$16,496,701 last year, a boost of approximately 40 percent.

THE BEST INFLUENCE

As a novel news feature, a reporter approached six judges, and asked them: "Do large families mean fewer divorces?" The judges represented every category of belief. Yet they were unanimous in their answers. One said: "A large family exercises a strong restraining influence on parents." Another stated his conviction that every child is "added insurance that a marriage will never be dissolved in a divorce court." Employing different expressions, they united in the conclusion.

The question put to these experienced legal lights was nonsensical. It could be answered in only one way. Within their own observation, these men had seen the question worked out.

Even if they had lacked experience, they could have replied from their knowledge of statistics. It is a matter of actual record, familiar knowledge to every lawyer however untutored, that divorce hunters are usually unbundled with children. Further, it is a proved fact that the father and mother of a single child are more apt to seek divorce than the parents of two children. The larger the family, the less the likelihood that either parent will break the marital promises. Every child is "added insurance that a marriage will never be dissolved in the divorce court."

Our best citizens are the hard-working, decent men and women who are trying to raise their children in their own image. Often they are not glamorous personalities—although they could write real books if they had the time and inclination. But they are too busy for time-consuming hobbies. There are mouths to feed. So these unsung heroes and heroines go their quiet way, asking only a chance to discharge the responsibilities they have gladly assumed.

They are the substance of the nation. By the measure of solid worth, any one of them is an asset more real than a whole colony of Bohemian souls anxiously hunting "reality," and missing facts before their eyes.

Professing Sympathy For China We Supply Japs With Munitions

America's sympathy may be with China, but its munitions are going to the Japanese in their war with the republic, according to the Chinese Council for Economic Research.

Of more than \$306,393,950 worth of war materials contributed to the Nipponese last year by the nations of the world, \$171,574,167 worth were supplied by the United States, the council declared this week.

Running second to this country was Great Britain, which sold \$63,379,000 worth of war materials. Italy and Germany, axis allies of Japan, were minor factors in keeping the war going, with sales of \$23,522,500 and \$1,417,000, respectively. Russia was reported as having supplied nothing.

FULL OF SIMILIES

Church service was over, and three members walked home together, discussing the message they had heard.

"I tell you," said the first, enthusiastically, "Doctor Blank can certainly dive deeper into the truth than any minister I ever heard."

"Yes," said the second man, "and he can stay under longer."

"Yes," echoed the third, "and come up drier."

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CAMERA TOPICS

Shoe Shine Boys Buy Flowers for Stricken Hero



Here's real hero worship. These New York shoe shine boys, who ply their trade around Madison Square Garden and Jack Dempsey's restaurant, sold enough extra shines to buy a bouquet of flowers for Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, who was stricken with peritonitis following a recent appendectomy.

Nazi Schuschnigg

Kurt Schuschnigg Jr., son of the last chancellor of independent Austria, now a Nazi prisoner, was revealed recently as having joined the Nazi ranks as a member of the uniformed Hitler youth. The boy, 13 years old, was allowed to visit his father several times while the former chancellor was held prisoner in a Vienna hotel.



'Draft Roosevelt' Club Organized

"The Third Termers," first organization in the country whose announced purpose is to draft President Roosevelt for reelection, was formed recently in Chicago. President of the organization is Judge John G. Gurnee, Executive Secretary James G. McConaughy is seated at the desk accepting application cards pledging signers to support Roosevelt for a third term.

Plow Aids 'Der Moxie' in Ring Comeback



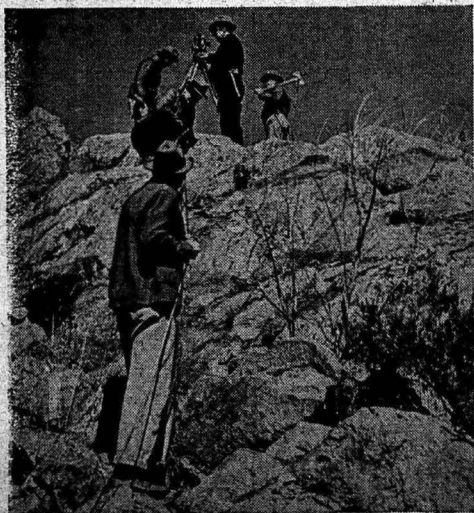
Max Schmeling, former world's heavyweight champion, pictured behind the plow he used at Pommernia, Germany, in training for his comeback fight with Adolph Heuser for the European championship. The plow evidently worked miracles for "Der Moxie," for he knocked out Heuser in 47 seconds.

British Minister Of War Inspects Territorial Army



Leslie Hore-Bellahs, British minister of war, is shown during his inspection of a South London anti-aircraft station recently as he made the rounds of several of the "war stations" and anti-aircraft units in and around the city. The stations are manned by members of Britain's territorial army who are undergoing their annual training.

Scale Mountain Peaks in Map Survey



On mountain peaks general land office surveyors obtain scientific measurements to insure accuracy in the new official master map of the United States. As the transit man places his instrument in position, his men stretch the steel tape along the correct line into the valley.

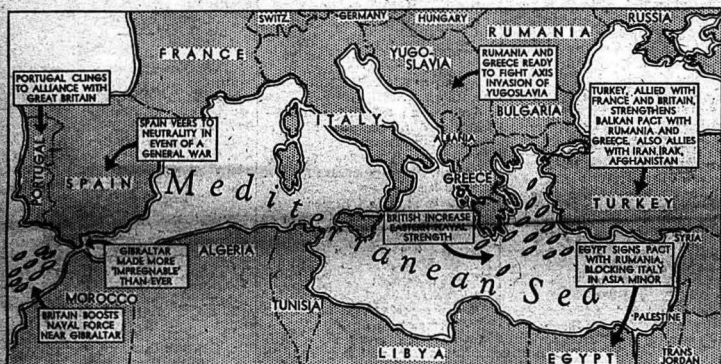


By the Waters of Chemquassabamticook



Gov. Lewis O. Barrows of Maine (left) and Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle, Wash., national commander of the American Legion, camping out in the wilds of Maine, renege at the sounding of the skillet alarm. It's altogether too early, and besides, they're probably tired from pronouncing Chemquassabamticook—site of their fishing expedition. Right: The two anglers wash with cold lake water, preparatory to a day's fishing. They slept in a tent, cooked their own bacon over an outdoor fire, and even caught some fish.

Dictators Better Speed Aggression, or Else—



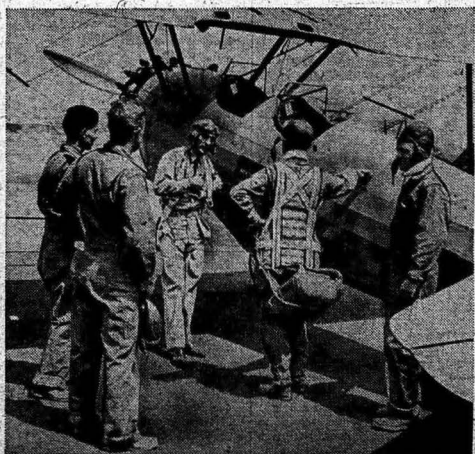
Map shows how France and Great Britain, aided chiefly by Turkey, have strengthened their positions in the Mediterranean against further aggression by Italy and Germany. New Turkish pacts with London and Paris, leading to an anti-dictator Balkan bloc, have kept European diplomats busy while British and French fleets strengthened their positions. Many observers think the Rome-Berlin axis has been "stymied" by these democratic counter moves.

Dairy Experimenter



Production of western beef may be more profitable to many New York dairy farmers than raising milk cows, according to Carl H. Frink, Claydon, N. Y., philanthropist, who has imported many hereford bulls from Nevada. Pictured here is a hereford bull calf with herdsman. If Frink's experiment is successful, it may alter the entire economic situation of dairymen.

Air Cadets Begin U. S. Army Training



Lieut. H. G. Reynolds, pilot instructor (facing camera) gives instructions to four student pilots at the Grand Central air terminal in Glendale, Calif., before their first takeoff. The instructions are part of the United States army air corps' program of shaping some 1,200 military pilots each year out of youngsters recently graduated from college. Advanced combat and tactical instructions are given at Randolph field.

40 Mile Soaring Record Established



Chester J. Decker of Glen Rock, N. J., recently established a new American soaring record in Elmira, N. Y., for goal flight and return. Decker flew to Hammondsport and returned to Harris Hill, a 40-mile round trip, in three hours, seven minutes. Previous record was held by Richard C. duPont of Wilmington, Del., who in 1936 flew 34 miles.

Amazon Chapeau



Camouflaged from the vision of low-flying Japanese machine gunners, this Kwangsi amazon pictured with a mauser rifle, takes early lessons in open country warfare.

Dean of Loafers



Calvin Burleson, prepared for a little real whitin', admits he doesn't mind loafing a bit now and then. In fact, he's dean of Loafer's Glory, N. C. The town with the odd name was first called that by Burleson's father. It's on the map, too. His father declared the town was "the loafingest place in the Blue Ridge."

Chic Ensemble



This ensemble is the latest in summer wear. The cloak is in yellow wool and the dress is yellow and gray print.

Mud Crabs Make Oysters Ill

By putting common mud crabs and sick oysters under the same microscope the mystery of an oyster disease that has cost southern oystermen an estimated \$1,000,000 since 1930 has been solved. The crabs are the carriers of the disease.

Travel Figures



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Vicious Critics Lie About WPA But Never Retract False Statements—Vast Majority of Those On Various Projects Would Welcome Job—Honorable Men and Women

The favorite pastime of the members of "well-stocked" clubs and others who hate the "New Deal" is to circulate stories that W. P. A. workers are a lazy, good-for-nothing bunch of bums who spend their time leaning on shovels.

These unfortunate Americans have been pictured as being so dead-set against working for a living that if anyone offers them a job they turn it down quicker than they can straighten up from a shovel handle.

Ponderous editors and pontifical politicians have protested that these men are determined to stay on W. P. A. for the rest of their lives.

The other side of the story was given this week by Howard O. Hunter, assistant W. P. A. administrator. He disclosed that every month 100,000 of workers leave the W. P. A. to take private jobs. Since the W. P. A. began in 1935, nearly 4,500,000 workers have left the rolls.

Hunter declared that as a matter of routine, the WPA investigates every single story of job rejection, wherever it turns up. Investigators are promptly dispatched to the scene with instructions to secure affidavits proving or disproving the charge.

Of hundreds of thousands of complaints investigated, Hunter emphasized, less than one-tenth of 1 per cent have stood up. In every case where the facts warranted, the worker who refused to take a private job was dismissed by the W. P. A. Hunter said.

The facts as ascertained by investigators were communicated to the editor, the member of Congress or whoever made the charges, but, so far as Hunter has been able to determine,

there has not been a single retraction of false statements.

A notable example of the willingness of publications to slander the jobless on unsupported evidence was given by "Collier's" in its April 15 issue. It published a letter from J. C. Richabarger of Vinton, Texas, in which it was stated that a friend of the writer's had tried to hire a woman named Maria to do housework for him, but couldn't get her because she was on a W. P. A. sewing project at \$40 a month.

Not only that, but also her daughter was working for W. P. A. at \$38 a month, her sons was in the C. C. C. at \$12 a week. Furthermore Miguel said he was thinking of becoming a citizen so that he could vote against such negligardly treatment.

Commenting on the letter, "Collier's" said it was a "hot symptom of what wah wrong with America." The story went out all over the country and no doubt hundreds of thousands of people believed it.

PULLED EDITOR'S LEG

When investigators interviewed Richabarger, he said he was "pulling the leg" of "Collier's" editor and that the story was a complete hoax. The names in the letter, he said were made up, and he swore he had no evidence that any W. P. A. worker had ever refused any job offered.

The evidence was sent to "Collier's" asking that it be printed. Did the editor do the honorable thing? He did not, according to Hunter, who said:

"Collier's was interested only in slandering W. P. A. workers. It wasn't interested in the truth."

FORBES SPREADS FAKE

B. C. Forbes, writer for Big Business recently claimed a New York department store wanted to hire 2,000 part-time clerks but was unable to get them because of W. P. A. competition. When Forbes was urged to give the name of the store he refused to answer W. P. A. letters and telegrams.

"There are thousands of similar examples where the facts do not square with the libel," Hunter said. "It is unfair for us to conclude that the stories are circulated by people with axes to grind?"

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Union Wages In The Building Trades Not Blame For Present Lack of Housing—High Cost of Land and Finance Charges The Real Reason

A half-dozen housing experts testified before the "Anti-Monopoly" Investigating Committee after Isador Lubin, chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, presented the facts and figures.

Their testimony fills several volumes of fine print, but it boils down to two conclusions:

1—That, as Lubin pointed out, the main cause of the long lag in house construction is the fact that millions of American families have incomes too small to buy or rent a decent dwelling and, if these incomes were increased, we would have a housing boom such as we have never known in history.

"HIGH WAGE" HELD "BUNK"

2—That even a deep cut in building wages would reduce the cost of a house very little, and much less than would cuts in the cost of materials and "finance." Therefore, the idea that "high wages" are blocking the building industry is the "bunk."

This fact was emphasized by two witnesses. One was Robert L. Davison, director of housing research of the Pierce Foundation, New York.

Davison said the best measure of the cost of a house is the amount of money it costs a family each month in rent or purchase installments. The size of this monthly payment is what really determines whether a family can afford to rent or buy a house.

He then presented a chart showing the effect of making a 20 per cent reduction in the cost of the various elements that make up the total cost of a typical small, single-family house priced at \$4,430.

LABOR MINOR ELEMENT

The chart revealed that the monthly payments on this house would be reduced only 4.67 per cent by a 20 per cent reduction in the cost of the labor which built it.

But the monthly payments would be reduced 9.33 per cent, or exactly twice as much, by a 20 per cent cut in the cost of the materials.

And, still more significant, a 20 per cent cut in the finance costs ("interest and amortization") would reduce the monthly payments 16.67 per cent, or nearly four times as much as would the cut in labor cost.

LAND OWNERS REAP HARVEST

This works out about the same in large-scale housing, according to L. Seth Schnitman, former chief statistician of the F. Dodge Corporation, the leading authority on building facts and figures.

Schnitman took the "annual cost" instead of the monthly cost as his yardstick and used the huge Hillside housing project New York City as an example of the effect of a 20 per cent reduction in the cost of the various elements which must be paid for.

The annual cost would be reduced 3.9 per cent if the cut were made in labor cost, 5.1 per cent if it were made in finance costs, materials, and 8.1 per cent if it were made in finance costs, Schnitman said.

He also showed that more than one-third of the entire cost of the big Knickerbocker Village housing project in New York City was the cost of the land to build it on.

In other words, the landlords who did nothing but give their permission to construct the building, got 34.3 per cent of all the money, while the workers who built it, got on 21.3 per cent.

DEPENDS ON INCOME

Schnitman said that "if we could increase the national income, and family incomes, we could easily exceed the best previous peaks in residential building."

"When the national income was \$40,000,000,000 (in 1933) there was virtually no residential building. When the national income increased by \$10,000,000,000 the increase in building was so slight that it was hardly noticeable."

"If we could get back to a national income of \$80,000,000,000 or \$90,000,000,000 (the figures set by Roosevelt as the a very simple matter to beat all "New Deal" goal), it would be records in residential building."

HE'S LOST

I've got a letter, parson
From my son away-out West,
And my old heart is heavy
As an anvil in my breast,
To think the son whose
Future I had once so proudly
planned,
Should wander from the path
of right
And come to such an end,

I told him when he started out
Toward the setting sun
He'd find the row he had to hoe
A mighty rocky one,
He'd miss his father's counsel
And his mother's prayers, too,
But he said the farm was hateful,
And he guessed he'd have to go.

I know that's big temptation
For a youngster in the West,
But I believed our Bill had
The courage to resist.
And when he left I warned him
Of the ever-waiting snares,
That lie like hidden serpents
In life's pathway everywhere.

And Bill, he promised faithful
To be kerful and allowed
He'd build a reputation
That'd make us mighty proud.
But it seems as hoy my counsel
Sorta faded from his mind,
And now my boy's in trouble
Of the very worstest kind.

He writes from out in Oregon,
And the story's mighty short,
I just can't tell his mother,
It'd break her poor old heart,
And so I reckon Parson,
You might break the news to
her—
Bill's in the legislature,
But he doesn't say what for.

DOUBTFUL

A teacher said to the children: "If all good people were white, and all the bad people black, what color would you be?"

Some said white, some black, but one little maid said, very demurely: "Streaky!"

Oddities in the Day's News



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The Mayor In Bad Spot-Sheriff McElroy Has Humane Ideals

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guards and other attaches of the sheriff's office without a shot being fired or anybody hurt. The capture of three escaped convicts at night without resort to firearms was quite a feat in itself.

Sheriff Joe McElroy built the Billerica dormitory with a humane purpose in mind. Placed in charge of The House of Correction, he believed it his sworn duty to institute corrective measures among the inmates committed to his care.

The Billerica farm, bought by the county is worked by inmates from the House of Correction. They are practically on their own with very few guards in attendance. It really isn't necessary to escape from the Billerica plant—all an inmate must do, to "escape" is just walk off the premises.

But in the three and a half years that Sheriff McElroy has practiced his humanitarian system at Billerica only three of the men he trusted have betrayed the sheriff's faith in human nature. And that's quite a record, figured by any standard of measurement.

The test of the man's courage in his idealism came when the criticisms began to pour in at the news that three prisoners had escaped. Instead of praise for the bloodless capture of the escaped trustees, the knockers wanted to know how cum they were not under lock and key in a cell block.

Up 'til yet, though, Joe McElroy has offered no apology or even explanation nor has he passed the buck to any of his assistants. He could go to bed at night with the knowledge that every prisoner placed in his charge was behind bars, safely stowed away without a chance for escape.

Although this system would save him from any future fear of criticism the sheriff of Middlesex county is an idealist. He sees his work as that of a reformist insofar as it is humanly possible to reform those placed in his care.

And he takes the darts of his critics with a shrug while he goes serenely along the way that his conscience and matured judgment tell him is the right course. Quite a guy is Sheriff Joe McElroy of Middlesex county—yeah, a guy worth knowing.

John Conlon Victim Of Selfish Interests

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am asking you to grant it."

Things have come to a pretty pass when a group of lawyers, doubling in brass in the liquor business, can prevent one of the trade's veterans from moving to a stand where he can be assured of some degree of financial success. It appears to the layman that a lawyer might better be tending to his profession than plotting to promote his share of some liquor store.

"I'd like to see some silk stockings, please."

"Yes, sir. For the wife? Or would you like to see something more expensive?"

Lowell's WPA Future Vital Local Problem

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Where the present controversy, flaring in Washington over the lengthening of hours for the WPA, will lead is hard to say. The question is being debated by the man in the street in Lowell as well as the solons in the nation's capital.

Every man and woman is deeply concerned with prosperity in Lowell and must realize that the thousands on the WPA rolls here cannot be absorbed by Lowell industry or Lowell business.

A man or woman willing to work should be given an honest day's pay, regardless of the employer. The worst enemy of the local WPA has been the project makers. If we had more tangible, permanent evidence of the millions spent here by the Federal government the WPA would have less critics and more boosters. But, after all, that is not the fault of the workers.

CREDIT UNIONS

How can the ordinary man, who finds himself in need of a few dollars, avoid the clutches of Shylock? Five years ago, Uncle Sam offered a partial answer. Congress enacted a Federal Credit Union Act.

The idea is that groups, working in the same plant or drawn together by other ties, should organize a union, contribute the necessary capital out of their own pockets, and extend credit to members for not more than 1 percent per month. Shylock charges not less than 3 percent.

Now comes the annual report of this unique system. Of 3,342 unions chartered, about 90 percent survive. The membership has passed the 700,000 mark. Loans for five years total \$125,000,000.

The unions have assets of \$36,000,000. This is increasing at the rate of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year. All belongs to the members.

The managers of these credit unions have demonstrated they are good bankers. They have lost less than \$1 for each \$1,000 loaned.

Dividends of from 2 to 6 percent have been paid on the money invested and during the last five years these dividends have totaled \$1,513,000.

Of course that doesn't show that Shylock has been put out of business. It does demonstrate what can be done when human beings cooperate wisely.

GOING TOO FAR

A man who complained of the food in a small Chicago restaurant was taken into the kitchen and beaten up by the cook, who showed him what really was the toughest part of the joint.

HER VIEW

The inspector, who had just returned from the Isle of Man, was examining the girls' class in geography.

"Can you tell me what island there is off the English coast, which, from its name, you would judge to be inhabited by people of the male sex only?"

"Please, sir," said the little girl, "the Scilly Isles."

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Rubber KITCHEN APRONS. Colors or black. Each.....	19c	Men's Dress OXFORDS. Black or brown. Regular \$3.00.....	2.29
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25-in. Rayon, Damask Lined OVERDRAPEs, pair.....	99c	81x99 Fairhaven Nubloce COTTON—Yard.....	9c
89c Printed Voile COTTAGE SETS, Pair.....	49c	Colored border WASH CLOTH. Value 19c.....	3 for 10c
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POLITICS ON THE BOOM ASHE A STRONG ENTRY IN DEMOCRATIC RANKS

Politics came with a rush during the past week. The announcement that State Representative George T. Ashe had taken out nomination papers Friday morning climaxed a feverish period when candidates for the Democratic preference for mayor bobbed up practically daily.

Bob Thomas, Bill Barrett, Jimmy Bruin, George Legrand, Ed Cluin and George Ashel Theres quite a lineup for the Democratic nomination and at least one more candidate is expected to take out papers early next week. As the field now stands it's a record list of serious aspirants.

As predicted in the Free Press weeks ago, Wards 1, 2, 10 and 11 will have one of their representatives at the state house in the mayoralty contest this year. And Rep. Ashe will command the full force of coalition McLaughlin-Ashe machines behind his candidacy. We may rely upon this. Hubert McLaughlin will provide his co-legislator with a wholehearted support that is certain to prove a big factor in the campaign.

George Legrand has proposed that Chairman George O'Hare of the Democratic City Committee issue a call for a meeting of the candidates and attempt to choose the strongest Democrat in the field. The superintendent of streets apparently is willing to abide by the dictates of such a meeting.

It is not improbable that Eddie Cluin and Bill Barrett would prove responsive to such a conclave. The attitude of Thomas and Bruin toward an executive session of the party leaders is uncertain.

Although Bruin has stated that he is in the fight to stay, not many take this declaration seriously. A nomination for Bruin, it is conceded by practically everybody conversant with Lowell politics, would mean another rout for the Democrats on election day.

If 10,000 Democrats voted for Mayor Archambault rather than cast their ballots for Bruin two years ago, it is pointed out, what has occurred in the interim to enhance Bruin's chances of election this year? This former mayor has done nothing in the past two years to increase either his political stature or his personal following.

REPUBLICAN STRIFE?

All is not harmony within the Republican ranks this year. The blasting that Win MacBrayne has given the administration with his opening shot at the jockey clubs apparently is a preamble of a caustic, critical campaign on the part of the major.

If George Brown chimes in with his nickel's worth in the wordy war of the campaign the Archambault administration may be called upon for more than a little explaining.

This, of course, is the circus side of the campaign wherein destructive criticism is used for ammunition. While the voters undoubtedly enjoy this sort of thing, it seems evident that the candidate who brings forth constructive remedies for our municipal ills will be the one to whom the most serious attention will be paid.

The crusade against the jockey club was a newspaper conducted agitation. There'll be jockey clubs as long as there are horse players and there will probably be horse players just as long as they can find nags able to negotiate the track.

As Charlie Gallagher in his Evening Leader Bylander brought out recently, the spot to start at the elimination of jockey clubs is in the legislature. Either legalize them and extract a state revenue from the betting rooms or wipe out the racing law.

If Mayor Dewey G. Archambault has really decided not to run, the Republicans will not be obliged to draft an unwilling candidate. Tom Braden, former mayor and former state senator, will no doubt declare himself immediately.

Alphee J. Achin, brother of Henry Achin, former representative, it is rumored, may bring matters to a head by taking out nomination papers early next week. Bernard J. Kirk, owner of the Town Pride Bread Bakery, and one of the city's better known and well liked business men is also being urged to make the race. Several others are more or less prominently mentioned as potential mayoralty timber.

SECOND BIRTHDAY

Today is the second anniversary of the founding of The Free Press. For two years The Free Press has been presenting Labor's viewpoint on all moot questions, fighting her battles when necessary and granting the Labor movement in Lowell a much needed medium of expression.

The fact that, though young in years, The Free Press today is a flourishing, accredited journal, reflects upon the accomplishment of its mission, championing the cause of the working man and woman.

We are grateful for the loyal support the friends of organized Labor have given us. We are thankful for the confidence reposed in us by Labor. Humbly and yet proudly we re-dedicate this paper's policy to its masthead—The Cause Of Labor.

Gov. Saltonstall For Second Time Proves Friendship For Labor

Governor Leverett Saltonstall is to be congratulated upon his firm stand in the Labor trouble out in Barre.

Heavy pressure was brought to bear upon this state's chief executive by the manufacturing interests in the strike at Barre.

Barre, a strong Republican stronghold, demanded that the Republican governor station a strong force of state police around the struck plant during the recent disorders. But Gov. Saltonstall showed himself above party politics in the emergency and refused to allow state troopers to play the part of scab protectors.

This is the second time that Gov. Saltonstall has proved a very pleasant surprise to Labor. His attitude in the strike of the Boston Truckies last winter was a revelation to those who believed he might become reactionary. But the governor has not failed us yet nor does it appear probable that he ever will.

"Jake" Bellefeuille A Council Candidate

Jeane J. Bellefeuille, "Jake" to his intimates, has taken out nomination papers for the Democratic nomination for councilor-at-large.

Jake has long been identified with the Labor movement in the shoe industry. He holds a key position in the local GIO Industrial Council and will devote his campaign to Labor issues.

ANOTHER PURGE AMONG VETERAN EMPLOYEES IS EXECUTED BY THE SUN

He went to work the same as usual that morning. His mind was partly upon the day's work ahead and partly contemplated his vacation, no doubt, which was only a week away. He and his wife and two sons had planned a pleasant little family trip during his annual two weeks absence from the office.

Since before the war he had worked for the same newspaper. From reporter he had graduated to the city desk. He was the city editor. In spite of rumored dismissals pending among his staff and a general feeling of uneasiness that existed in the office, this man never gave the prospect of losing his job any serious consideration.

It just didn't seem within the realm of reason to suspect his long years of service to the newspaper would be forgotten under any circumstances.

Before he could reach his desk a summons rang for his presence in the office of the paper's general manager. He went. "I've some bad news for you," said the pompous person who holds the title of general manager, "you're fired."

"Fired?" echoed the city editor, "What for?" "I don't know any more about it than you do," he was told. "I just received the notice and I'm giving it to you. You're all done at this newspaper."

And so Thomas R. Costello, publisher of The Lowell Sun, wrote a new law, or maybe simply tied his old record, for callously dumping overboard a veteran employee.

Within the week two more of Mr. Costello's employees walked the plank with practically the same technique used by the executioner.

For the second time since Mr. Costello took over the management of the newspaper his grandfather built into a flourishing sheet, a city editor has been given the sack without regard for his feelings or his future. Warren Power died a broken hearted man shortly after his heartless discharge by Costello.

A woman who worked for his grandfather more than 30 years in The Sun office received the same cavalier treatment. She survived the shock less than a year.

In each case the method was almost worse than the act. Past performances all point toward the conclusion that Thomas R. Costello receives a peculiar thrill out of his inherited position as an employer whenever a whim impells him to "fire" anyone.

How long subscribers and advertisers will tolerate the conduct of The Sun toward its employees is an open question. Certainly the comment heard around town leads us to the conviction that the people of Lowell are pretty well incensed over the attitude of Thomas R. Costello toward the man and woman who must look to him for employment.

Two years ago The Sun employees committed a terrible blunder. Only one agency has ever successfully dealt with the vicious type of employer depicted by The Sun management. That is the Newspaper Guild, the newspaper's union.

The Guild came to Lowell. The Sun reporters "joined up." But when the crucial moment arrived they "quit." Honeyed words of the boss and promises of raises caused them to betray the principles of American unionism. And the one who is generally believed to have brought about the coup at that time for Thomas R. Costello is the new city editor. But wouldn't you guess it?

Chiseling Merchant Offers Threat To The Midweek Half-Holiday

The clerk's half-holiday on Wednesday afternoons was instituted as a humanitarian measure to break the monotony of a full week's work.

Reactionary employer fought against the half-holiday, idea as a step toward placing the working men and women in the leisure class. However, practically everywhere in the East retail stores close their doors at noontime on Wednesday afternoons.

The smooth functioning of the half-holiday plan depends principally on the honesty and fair dealing of the merchants of the community. Any chiseling on the part of the unscrupulous stores provides a vicious threat to the Wednesday afternoon closing of the establishments that desire to play the game fairly and grant a half-holiday to their employees.

Most Lowell merchants live up to the spirit as well as the letter of Wednesday noon closings. The few exceptions, however, offer a serious menace to the clerks of Lowell to whom the half-holiday means so much.

Every man or woman possessed of natural mental reflexes resents any attempt on

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Investigation of Labor Relations Board Will Probably Prove Just Another Campaign To Hamstring All Kinds of Labor Legislation

The investigation of the National Labor Relations Board put over by House reactionaries will be a "smearing" expedition conducted by the foes of labor, according to Congressman John A. Martin (Dem. Colo.).

"A little one-horse, one-sided, incompetent committee is to be turned loose and will keep going until Christmas," he declared. "Its object is to knife the 'New Deal, beating it over the shoulders of labor. It is to be an inquisition, not an investigation."

Martin, who is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, has had an unusual career. Thirty years ago he came to Congress and voluntarily retired after four years of service, to return to his law practice. Although over the military age limit, he took time out to enlist in the World War, obtaining the rank of major.

In 1932 Martin came back to Congress from his old district, but has announced that he will not seek re-election. Not being a candidate for anything, he is in position to talk with great frankness and he certainly pulled no punches in dealing with what he described as "a conspiracy."

Committee "Stacked" Against Labor

"I feel confident," he said, "that the House leadership cannot be in sympathy with the purpose of this so-called investigation. The purpose is not only to discredit the National Labor Relations Board, but the Wagner Act. Its sponsorship is hostile to that act and the Wage and Hour Act, and to every act for the benefit of labor."

By its very nature, Martin contended, the committee will be "stacked" against labor. Under the rules he said, the speaker will be required to appoint as chairman Congressman Howard W. Smith, reactionary Virginia Democrat and a bitter foe of workers. Associated with Smith, Martin emphasized, will be two Republicans equally hostile to labor, and between them they will dominate the committee.

"This committee," Martin continued, "wants to see labor legislation emasculated. They

want a National Labor Relations Board for the benefit of the corporations, not for the workers. So, before the alleged investigation starts, a verdict of guilty on all counts will have been arrived at against the defendants, and the way will be paved for the hamstringing of the law in the interest of sweatshop employers.

"It is shigh time the forces of organized labor quit burying the hatchet in each other and start burying it in their enemies.

"The investigation is supported by Democrats who think the time has come to make a Republican sideshow of the Democratic party and drive the organized workers of America over to the Republican party. Responsibility for legislation rests on the Democratic majority and it cannot pass the buck.

"We seem to be trying to make the Republicans a present of the House. The Democrats ought to know that if we lose the next election we will lose the big industrial states in the House and control of the government."

Warns Labor It Faces Great Danger

Congressman Frank E. Hook (Dem., Mich.) reminded Martin that sponsors of the investigation have boasted that they "needed a certain amount of agitation before they could get the legislation they desired."

"I am not surprised at that," Martin replied. "The author of the investigation resolution is getting up a bill to investigate the Wage and Hour Act and he has a bill on the calendar to abolish the Bill of Rights. You will get plenty of agitation out of this investigation.

"I repeat if organized labor realized that the cards are being stacked against it, this proposal and others of the same kind would be fought to a finish."

BUT HERE'S THE BROOM

The salesman waxed eloquent about the merits of a vacuum cleaner, but the village housewife wasn't impressed. She suggested that he talk less and show her what the machine could do.

Beaming broadly, the man fitted up the cleaner, thrust his arm into the chimney of the open fireplace and brought out a handful of soot, which he scattered over the carpet.

He then shoveled up some ashes from the grate and sprinkled them on the rug.

"Now," he said, smiling triumphantly, "I'll show you what this vacuum cleaner can do. You'll be surprised, madam. Where's the electric switch?"

"Switch?" echoed the surprised woman. "We use gas!"

NOT SO DULL

The village idiot sat over a rain puddle with his fishing rod and line. A passing tourist dropping a quarter in his jar, asked:

"How many have you caught, young man?"
"You are the third," was the reply.

GOOD SUGGESTION

"Willie," said the Sunday

school teacher, "you shouldn't talk like that to your playmate. Its no use losing your temper. Have you tried heaping coals of fire on his head?"

"No, miss, I haven't," replied Willie. "but it's a good idea".

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SOVIET EXHIBIT

In the current issue of "America", the Soviet exhibit at the World's Fair is discussed. The writer is the well-known heavyweight boxer who retired as undefeated world's champion. The views here presented must compel respect. They are the product of an exceptional mind.

The Soviet show, Tunney writes, "is the best conceived piece of sheer propaganda that an unsuspecting populace has ever been exposed to." This enormous exhibit dominates the Fair; for a time the Hammer and Sickle topped even the Stars and Stripes. Even now the first object that strikes the eye, and the one which impresses most deeply, is the enormous figure of the worker, who, raised high in the air, holds aloft a red star.

Inside the principal building, a map of the Soviet Socialistic Republic is shown. It is a rich piece of work, the coloring worked out in precious stones. Sites of the coal, metal and mineral deposits are marked. Here, one has to tell oneself, is a country of vast possibilities.

There is a heaven of soft sentiment. A mural of the country about Moscow shows in the foreground laughing children and smiling adults. They are all well dressed and obviously satisfied with the "dictatorship of the proletariat."

A "must" of the exhibit is a replica of the famous Moscow subway. And here is a subway one has to admit an artistic delight—all black marble and chromium steel.

To the spectator who arrives with the wrong kind of an "open mind," that is to say with no knowledge of recent history and current events, this show is apt to prove decisive. He is given an impression of a country endowed with enormous wealth. It is a country whose rulers have determined that even utilitarian things, like subways, must be beautiful. Then there are the frolicking children of the mural.

But Mr. Tunney was not impressed. He has been in Russia. He saw the people "shod in burlap bagging and attired in cover-all smocks." In contrast "the ubiquitous soldiers were both well clothed and shod." And the actual children seen on the streets are not smiling. So the artist of the World's Fair advertisement used more than poetic license—he lied.

The Russia of actuality, as opposed to the ideal portrait so fetchingly presented on the Fair grounds, can be known by any who really want facts. Russia is no Ultima Thule, travelers have been there. Men now bitterly disillusioned have sold all they owned and gone there to live. Newspaper correspondents have spent years there.

Their unanimous verdict can not be discounted by even so gorgeous a lie as the Soviet exhibit at the World's Fair. Andre Gide, Andrew Smith, Gene Lyons, Chamberlain—these men know Russia. They went there as radical sympathizers. One and all they say that when they crossed the border at Finland, they involuntarily drew a deep breath, with the feeling that they had just emerged from a poisonous pit.

A great mistake will be escaped if it is recognized that the Soviet spectacle is propagandist. It is not intended to convey any hint of Russian realities. It is propaganda, an untruthful party statement.

HEARTLESS DISINTEREST

Twenty-eight soft coal miners were killed by a "blast" in a mine near Providence, Ky. The dispatches did not tell us how many windows and children survive, but it is safe to say the toll of human wretchedness is appalling.

The company did not carry compensation insurance and its owners say it is "hopelessly" broke. So mothers with children tugging at their skirts will be flung on relief. Probably not one in five has sufficient resources to provide a decent burial for her dear one.

The "blast" was probably caused by a dusty explosion. The U. S. Bureau of Mines says such explosions can be prevented by rock dusting, at a trivial cost. However, in many mines, human lives are still cheaper than rock dusting.

The Bureau of Mines will make another of its investigations. It has been making these investigations for years. As usual, it will refuse to make, public its findings. Why? Because the officials maintain that

publicity would make it more difficult to "cooperate" with the mine owners.

That's not much of an alibi, but it's the best the bureau has to offer for its policy. Apparently no one in authority is sufficiently interested to force the bureau to change its ways.

"INTELLIGENCE" OF MEN

Before he was a lawyer and a legislator, Senator Joseph C. O. Mahoney was a newspaper man, and a good one. In those far-off days he wrote many editorials, but never did he present a great issue more clearly and impressively than in his statement of America's economic condition in the preliminary report of his Monopoly Committee. The Senator wrote:

"People who are able and willing to work cannot find employment.

"People who are hungry cannot provide themselves with food.

"People who produce what the idle and the hungry need, cannot sell it and, indeed, can find a market for only a small portion of what they are capable of producing.

"Owners of money and owners of machines cannot put their property to sure and certain use.

"THE ABUNDANCE OF NATURE MOCKS THE INTELLIGENCE OF MEN, WHO SEEM INCAPABLE OF DISTRIBUTING IT AMONG THEIR OWN KIND, EITHER EQUITABLY OR PROFITABLY."

What answer can our statesmen make to that indictment? The abundance of Nature mocks the intelligence of men! There's a line which will not be soon forgotten. As a matter of fact, it tells the whole story. Nature and Nature's God have been more than generous to us, but nevertheless, in the midst of this superabundance, we condemn to slow starvation millions of our fellow Americans, able and anxious to work.

WOULD BENEFIT BOTH

That compulsory health insurance will benefit doctors quite as much as it will their patients is emphasized in a report just made public by Dr. Alfred J. Asgis member of the faculty of the New York University College of Dentistry.

At least 75 per cent of the children of this country and two-thirds of the adult population do not receive proper dental attention, according to Dr. Asgis. The reason, he says, is that dentists have failed to take into account "modern social conditions."

He insists that the "only practical solution" is a system of compulsory health insurance, "patterned on modern principles; adapted to American standards of service and benefitting the temperament of the American people."

To a layman, that sounds like remarkably sound advice. But will dentists accept it?

Final Touch



Anna Neagle in her costume for "Nurse Edith Cavell," gets the last dab of make-up before going onto the sound stage at RKO Radio for her starring film based upon the tragic World War heroine who paid for her life after conviction by a German military tribunal for aiding interned Allied soldiers to escape.

HIS SAVING GRACE

Doctor (after examining patient)—I don't like the looks of your husband Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown—Neither do I, doctor, but he's good to our children.

MISSING

Teacher—Why did you pull pneumatic "pneumatic"? Pupil—The "k" on my typewriter isn't working.

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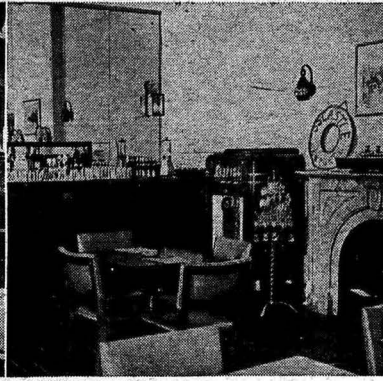
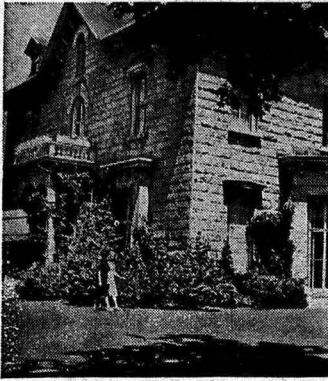
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PICTURE REVIEW

'Heaven' Can Wait—If Newport Has Its Way



Mrs. Angela C. Kaufman, widow of the multi-millionaire Joseph Kaufman, was recently refused a liquor license by Newport, R. I., officials when she planned converting her mansion into an exclusive dinner and cocktail place. Then the fireworks started. Mrs. Kaufman created a furor in the ultra-fashionable resort by offering the mansion to "Father" Divine, Negro cult leader, as a "heaven" for his followers. The Negro evangelist accepted the offer, and is completing plans for establishing the new "heaven." Left: The Kaufman mansion which will house the Divine flock. Right: The bar for which Mrs. Kaufman was refused a liquor license.



Marble Champ Crowned

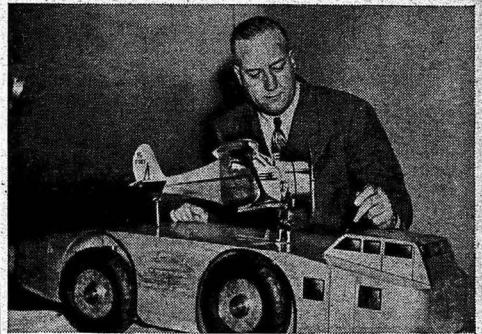
A new king was crowned recently when Harry DoBoard, 14, of Landenburg, Pa., defeated finalists representing every section of the country in the National Marble tournament at Wildwood, N. J. Harry is the champion of 3,000,000 marble players.

De-Lovely, Delightful



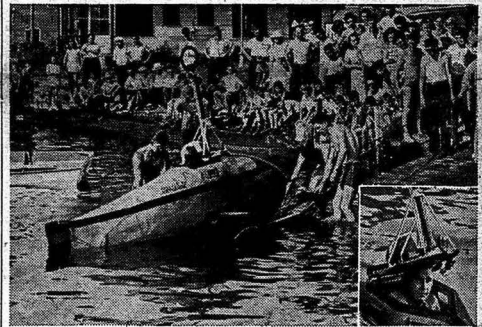
Here's a very delightful scene. Young Tommy Ingram and Jimmy Young lick up a couple of delightful ice cream cones by the sign post that marks the boundary of Delightful, a small town near Warren, Ohio.

Invents Snow Cruiser for Antarctic Trip



Dr. Thomas C. Penler of the research foundation of Armour Institute of Technology is pictured with a model of the Antarctic snow cruiser, carrying a five-passenger airplane, which he will build for the United States Antarctic expedition setting out this fall. The completed snow cruiser will be 55 feet long, 10 feet high and 15 feet wide. The plane, carried on top, can be demounted in 10 minutes. Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, who will head the expedition, plans his latest dash to the pole for sometime in October.

One-Man Submarine Tested in Hudson



Barney Connitt of Chicago, master and crew of an 11-foot submarine, previous to making a successful test dive in the salt water of the Hudson river in Yonkers, N. Y. Connitt, in his homemade sub, has made approximately 400 dives, once crossing Lake Michigan under water from Chicago to Michigan City, Ind., a distance of 37 miles. The sub is powered by two sets of batteries and has all the usual submarine equipment.

Police Close 'Human Slave Market'



Photographers had to be alert to get this view of America's most novel matchmaking establishment, "The Human Slave Market," for immediately after bids got under way, Passaic, N. J., police stepped in and sent six people to jail on the charge of maintaining a nuisance. Here the auctioneer is asking for bids on a young man, an elderly gentleman and a young girl, offering marriageable subjects on the block.

Skyline, Not Petty Girl, to Welcome Legionnaires



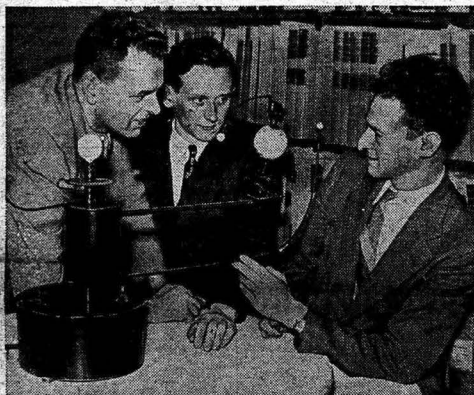
Chicago's skyline and not the curves of a George Petty beauty will bid American Legionnaires to attend their national convention in Chicago this fall. Illustrator Petty's painting, center, was rejected by the Legion in favor of the design at the right.



Twins—Five Sets of 'Em—Amaze New Yorkers



What! No Chance of a Martian War?



There are no men on Mars and no men could live there. That was the opinion of three astronomers gathered at Cambridge, Mass. They are, left to right, Dr. Bart Bok, associate professor of astronomy, Harvard; Dr. Peter Vandekamp, director of Spraul observatory, Swarthmore college, and Dr. Leo Goldberg, Harvard astronomer. Also pictured is a planetarium machine which duplicates motion of planets about the sun. The small planet between Dr. Goldberg's nose and the earth is Mars.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fifield of East Thompson, Conn., are pictured here lunching in a New York restaurant with some of their children on a recent visit to the eastern metropolis. By actual count there are 12 children in this large family, but 11 of them being shown here. Five sets of twins are included in this group. New Yorkers were as much amazed at the sheer numbers of the children as the children were at the city's skyscrapers, subways, docks and the many other wonders that met their enraptured gaze. Of course, the fair was the principal objective. Here, as elsewhere, the flock was often mistaken for a Sunday school outing. The youngest set of twins, Franklin Delano and Eleanor Roosevelt, are only two years of age. The oldest child, Marguerite, 13 years old, is seated next to her mother at the head of the table.

Canary Faithful

A canary belonging to Mrs. Charles Lance of Marion, Ill., escaped last summer, when a cat, springing against the cage, knocked open the small door. The bird disappeared. After an absence of 11 months, the canary returned and perched on the fence in front of the Lance home. Mrs. Lance said she had no trouble at all in coaxing it back into its cage.

Swap Mates, 14 Children and One Cow



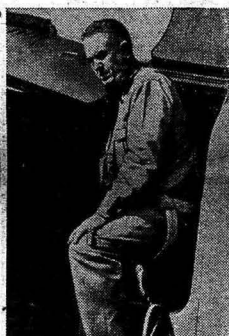
Two rural wives, one a grandmother, the other a slim woman of 27, made a friendly swap of husbands at Columbiaville, Mich. They divided 14 children, each taking seven. Pictured here are the two wives. On the left is Mrs. Edith June, 47, who is keeping house for George Davis, 45. On the right is Mrs. Mildred Davis, 27, who is keeping house for Clarence June, 24.

Youngest 'Nurse'



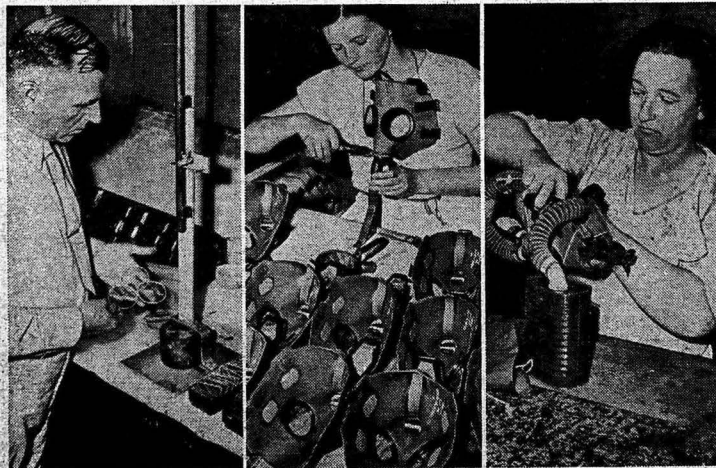
Afflicted with an incurable heart ailment, Sue Hembree, four, of Tulsa, Okla., forgets her own plight by spreading sunshine among fellow patients at the hospital, where she is given the unofficial title of honorary nurse. She is shown picking flowers for the rooms of other patients.

Caribbean War Chief



In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Brig. Gen. Edmund L. Daley steps from the amphibian plane provided him by the war department to cover his vast insular territory. Daley is commanding officer of the recently created department of the Caribbean, which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin islands and all intervening keys.

U. S. Army Increases Production of Gas Masks



As the international situation grows more grave, the U. S. has seen fit to protect its national security and the far-flung interests by bringing its military structure into order. As part of its preparedness, the army is perfecting the gas mask in the U. S. army chemical warfare school at Edgewood, Md. Left: An inspector tests safety glass for gas masks by dropping a steel ball on it. Center: A view showing the assembly of angle tube to the hood. Right: Final assembly of cannister to tube. Each gas mask is thoroughly tested by expert workers for any possible defect.

Masquerade Revealed



Involved in a minor traffic mixup, James W. Phipps was taken to a Pasadena, Calif., police station. There a sergeant penetrated the disguise and revealed "him" as a woman. Twice married, Phipps is the present "husband" of Mrs. Mabel Phipps, 50. For 23 years Mabel Phipps masqueraded as a man. "His" first wife died in 1928.

White Straw Hat



This white straw hat by Claude St. Cyr is trimmed with light blue grosgrain and white flowers.

Business Is Better Throughout Nation, According To Figures

Business is undoubtedly on the upgrade. A glance at the financial pages of any daily newspaper will reveal plenty of evidence to support that claim.

Freight loadings have jumped 20 per cent, to a total of 673,812 cars. The effect on railroad profits is astonishing.

Take one example, the Southern Railway. For the first six months of last year the Southern lost \$3,862,642. For the same period this year it had a profit of \$45,864. The best showing was in June when the Southern cleared \$629,583 as against a loss of \$699,891 in the same month last year. President Norris expects this showing to continue. Other big roads are doing quite as well, some even better.

Earnings of General Electric for the first six months of 1939 showed an increase of 24 per cent, with new orders far exceeding deliveries.

The Federal Reserve Board reports an advance of 20 points in the business index in 12 months.

The Associated Press makes a survey of 70 of the largest corporations and finds that profits for the second quarter of 1938 totaled \$88,399,906—an increase of 34 per cent over a year ago.

These are just fair samples, the list might be continued indefinitely.

We could all afford to be quite optimistic if it were not for those grim facts: We still have 10,000,000 unemployed; farm prices are dropping; and Congress and the administration are making the shocking blunder of throwing hundreds of thousands off relief and at the same time slashing relief wages in the North and West.

Business is on the upgrade, no question about that. But if it is to continue on the upgrade, those in authority, whether in Congress or in the executive departments, must not continue the tragic mistake of reducing the buying power of great masses of our people.

Of course, we will be told those workers who are discarded by the government, that industry will "absorb" them just tommyrot. What is actually happening was revealed by Howard Hunter, deputy commissioner of W. P. A., during a discussion or reliance on the Round Table radio program of the University of Chicago.

During March and April he the trouble to ascertain just said, W. P. A. officials took what happened to those who were forced off relief payrolls. They "only about 10 per cent of the people we studied were able to secure any form of private job, and the wages for the private job they got averaged \$2.95 a week, so it wasn't much of a job."

What became of the 90 per cent? Mr. Hunter didn't know. Evidently they are either starving or begging. If that sort of thing is tolerated by this administration, the business boom which now looks so promising

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G.O.P. CHAIRMAN TO LOSE POST POLITICS SPEED UP

Republicans May Need Harmony Meeting Before Coming Campaign Concludes— "Pete" Achin Will Run If Mayor Does Not

Now just what did Mayor Dewey G. Archambault say to ex-Mayor Thomas H. Braden at the outing of the Lafayette club? There appears to be a difference of opinion as to what the Republican chieftain said to the former standard bearer of the party.

Mr. Braden breaks into print with the statement that the mayor told him to take out his nomination papers and that he (the mayor) would not be a candidate this fall. While the mayor has offered no public comment as to what he said to Mr. Braden at the Lafayette club function, some of his friends believe that he has been misquoted.

It is said by some that Mayor Archambault told Mr. Braden that he did not think he would seek re-election. It is said by others that the mayor qualified his statement to read that he would not run unless it appeared imminent that the candidate of what he termed subversive interests would be nominated by the Democrats.

Mayor Archambault and Mr. Braden being both honorable men whose veracity is beyond quibble, it would appear that a misunderstanding stands between them as to that possibly memorable picnic conversation.

French Candidate Likely

From the angle of practical politics it appears unlikely that the French Republicans will allow the 1939 primary to come and go without injecting a strong candidate of their own racial strain into the contest. With the so-called French-American vote dominating the Republican party, it doesn't make sense to suppose that Braden or any other aspirant will be granted the nomination without a contest.

The feeling persists in many sources that Mayor Archambault will ultimately declare himself a candidate. If he does the smartest gesture any opponent can make is to withdraw. The mayor can win himself another nomination without very much bother.

"Pete" Achin

Representative Wilfred J. Achin, in case the mayor decides to stand on the sidelines, will undoubtedly hoist his standard as a rallying post for the French-American vote. A consistently strong vote getter, "Pete" Achin, as he is better known to his intimates, is a formidable political figure.

Achin is popular in all strata of Lowell society. He has established a fine record in the legislature. He also possesses considerable Democratic appeal. It will be surprising indeed, if he allows this opportunity to pass.

Whether Braden would withdraw if Achin became a candidate is not certain but most quarters grant the latter the nomination should the race be run between this pair.

Defer Harmony Session

Chairman George O'Hare of the Democratic City Committee postponed the harmony conclave of his party's mayoralty candidates until next week. No reason was given by Mr. O'Hare for deferring the meeting which is hoped to clear the way for some candidate's uncontested nomination.

Miracles happen, of course, but seldom, if ever, in politics. Genial George probably knows better than anybody else that the field which has taken out papers for the Democratic nomination will not center on a unanimous choice. But he does hope for a clarification of the atmosphere in his party and feels that it may be possible to draw the stringers from the candidates so that too much bad blood will not be aroused in the primary.

The canvassers seems to feel that the Democrats will choose either Rep. George H. Ashe, Robert R. Thomas or George Legrand, superintendent of streets, as their 1939 standard bearer. No other candidate appears to rate consideration of vote getting ability with this trio.

Some Will Withdraw.

It is only logical to suppose
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LABOR DAY

Next Monday is Labor Day. Labor Day was set aside as a symbol to commemorate how much the working man and woman mean to our national life and economic development. No country can be stronger than the warp woven from the mechanical genius and moral fibre of its working class. That is why these United States form the finest background of human environment in the world today. Labor Day represents the confidence of the nation in Labor; the trust of Labor in the country which bred it.

Were Labor Day celebrated as sincerely in foreign lands as it is here there would be no war; clouds hovering over Europe and Asia at this or any other time. Where Labor is regimented; where the voice of Labor is muted; where the workers are without volition; only in such an atmosphere could the fearful future at which the world now peers be brewed.

Labor Day stands for respect of human rights be they those of employed or employer. Labor Day is a fetish to which we must ever cling; a symbolizing standard by which we may measure our social structure; a yardstick of mental, moral and mechanical dimensions through which we may arrive at an equitable self-analysis of national capacity and ambition.

We need no dictator here. Just so long as we cherish the principles and precepts upon which Labor Day was conceived, just so long will we remain sane and safe as individuals and as a nation.

Time For Us to Clean House—No Room Here for Nazis, Communists

The German-Russian pact at least has produced one item of value—it has placed the two governments which abuse Labor the worst in the same camp.

In spite of all this twaddle about the Soviet state being controlled by the workers, in
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Members of Republican City Committee Prepare to Unseat Irving H. Chadwick at the Next Meeting—He's Done All Right By Irving, Though

Chairman Irving H. Chadwick of the Republican City Committee will be deposed as soon as he calls a meeting of the bone and sinew of the local G. O. P. That's the underlying reason, reports say, why the committee has not been called together before this.

Chairman Chadwick, the story goes, has proved a bad boy since he took over the job of headman in Lowell's Republican circles. That is, he's proved a bad boy to those who helped him attain the office but a very good boy for himself.

Irving, the rumor runs, has been caught in all sorts of skulduggery that does not set well with the committee members. He slipped up on the blind side of the mayor and got himself appointed License Commissioner, for one thing, when several other

hard working G. O. P.'s thought they rated the plum. Then Irving declared himself a candidate for the Governor's Council; took out nomination papers 'n everything. At least one very strong candidate against the incumbent. Councillor Burnett, was itching to make the race but refused to give battle to his friend, Chairman Chadwick. And then Chadwick withdrew, leaving Burnett a clear field.

Chadwick is blamed for the attempted smirching of the purchasing agent's office. And then—but why go on? His fellow Republicans have enough counts against Irving to earn him life and ten years more.

So the story's going the rounds that as soon as Chairman Chadwick calls a meeting of the City Committee he will shortly thereafter become Ex-Chairman Chadwick.

TAXPAYERS' SECRETARY WRONG AGAIN—FALSE STATEMENTS HURT CITY

President's Plea to Spare Non-Combatants Humane Move

President Roosevelt's plea to European nations that defenseless communities be spared from the horrors of air raids should, and undoubtedly does, meet with the wholehearted endorsement of all of us.

While the merit of some of the President's other international moves remain in question his appeal for humanitarian principles in non-combatant zones was an impulse that is national.

The slaughter of women and children will never win wars. The butchery practiced in Spain should prove this point. Bombing of munition and supply depots must be expected but the nation which allows wanton attack upon non-combatants will be excoriated in history.

The latest irresponsible prank of the Taxpayers Association current local executive, a Boy Scout answering to the name of Henry W. Connor, is a tirade against the street department for waste and extravagance in the building of city streets. In a broadcast earlier in the week, Henry made the first assertion that Lowell paid \$3000 a mile for its street construction.

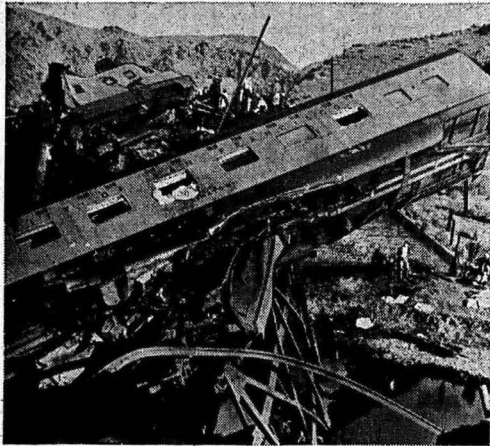
Supt. of Streets George P. Legrand has all the data relating to the cost of street construction, both present and past, in his office at city hall. Better still, the superintendent is ready and willing to produce these figures for anybody interested enough to learn the true facts.

As a matter of record Lowell pays something like \$694 to produce a mile of city highway, which is quite a different figure from that quoted by the Taxpayers secretary.

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PICTURE REVIEW

Railroad Accidents Take 25 Lives in Week's Time



Twenty-five persons were killed and at least 165 injured during the space of one week recently when three railroad accidents in the United States made tragic headline history. Pictured here is the wreckage of the City of San Francisco, which was derailed near Carlin, Nev., causing 23 deaths. Right: A railroad official inspects the sabotaged rails, pointing to the place where plates that held the rails had been moved several inches by vandals. On the same day, two persons were killed near Denver, Colo., when two crack trains crashed. Another wreck on the New York elevated lines resulted in injury to 50 persons.



Another Trophy for Women's Champ



Alice Marble, center, called the world's greatest woman tennis player, receives one of her latest trophies from Edward W. Moon Jr., chairman of the Westchester tennis committee at Bye, N. Y. Miss Marble defeated Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan, right, of Brookline, Mass., to win the pictured trophy.

Ciano, Hitler Grind Their 'Axis'

Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano chats with German Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler during conversations at Berchtesgaden and Salzburg between Ciano and Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister. Observers believed this conference brought a statement of Italy's disinclination to support Germany in a war over Danzig, also paving the way for an all-European conference to settle issues over Danzig and Italian claims against France.



Royal Family Entertained by Schoolboys



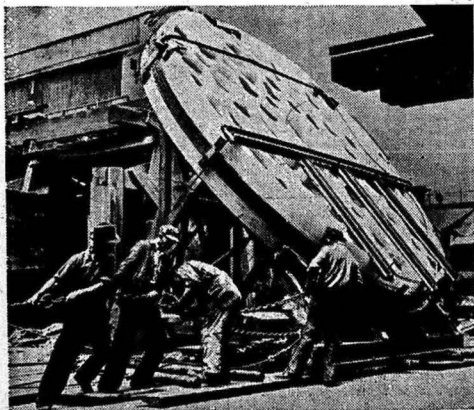
Be-killed and tie-less, King George of England appeared to have the time of his royal life when he visited the schoolboys' camp which he maintains. This year the camp was at Aberfeldie, near the Balmoral castle. At left is Princess Elizabeth; beside her an aide de camp; King George is in center, then Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

Dunker's Delight

Now—a doughnut especially designed for dunkers. Invented by Arthur Basham, Indianola, Iowa, the doughnut has a wooden handle, similar to a lollipop. It was exhibited at a New York Inventors' exposition.



Glass—20 Tons of It—Handle With Care



Using house-moving technique, workmen move the original 200-inch glass disc of a Corning, N. Y., glass works through a gap which was cut in a railroad trestle. An entire section of trestle and tracks had to be removed so that the huge 20-ton telescope eye and its special steel cradle could pass. The disc is the largest single piece of glass in the world.

'Guinea Pig' Test Determines Census Questions



The questions you answer in the 1940 general census will be the result of a "guinea pig" census made by enumerators in St. Joseph and Marshall counties, Indiana, under the supervision of the U. S. census bureau. If the questions asked in the experiment are satisfactory, they will be included in the general census. Left: Mrs. Russell Weesner of South Bend answers the enumerator's questions. Right: Gerald Ryan, U. S. supervisor of the "guinea pig" census in the two counties.

'In the King's Nave'



Resembling a character from a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, Alfred Young, 33, munches a sausage roll as he reports for duty at the royal naval barracks at Portsmouth, England. He is a member of the reserve which took part in the combined air and fleet exercises.

'Last Red Hot Mama' Wins Labor Battle



The weighty conference between Sophie Tucker, last of the "red-hot mamas," and president of the American Federation of Actors, and Harry Richman, must have been successful, for shortly afterward the American Federation of Labor ended a labor dispute centering around Miss Tucker. The A. F. of L. ordered that her organization be reinstated into the Associated Actors and Artists of America, from which it had been expelled.

Feminine Athletes Command Nation's Spotlight



Though defeated recently in the eastern grass court tennis tournament, Mrs. Sarah Falfrey Fabyan, left, coupled form and efficiency to give a good accounting of herself in her match with Alice Marble. Center: Dorothy Foyden Hill, glamorous swimming heroine of the Olympics, has become a pre-dinner golfer. Here she practices in a Los Angeles invitational meet. Right: Mrs. Lola Hall of Strasburg, Mo., a modern markswoman who puts the famed Annie Oakley to shame, shoots and wins against the country's best male marksmen. In the shooting competition she scored a total of 195 out of a possible 200.

She Is Custodian to 200 Spiders



Off for her yearly vacation is Miss Mary Pfeiffer of Hoboken, N. J., a spy little lady who holds one of the world's strangest jobs. Bidding her farewell here is William Kiefer, an employee of the precision instrument firm for which she works. Miss Pfeiffer is the "spider lady," and for 50 years she has been custodian of 200 spiders whose delicate gossamer threads she inserts in the diaphragms of surveying telescopes.

Blue Coat Dress



A marine blue coat dress with two scarfs, assembled from the cotton outfit of six changeable pieces.

Latest Admirer



Countess Barbara Hutton Haugwitz-Reventlow, Woolworth heiress, is pictured with Prince Di Bettino Clò De Felomario at her summer villa at Capri, Italy. The countess, recently divorced from her Danish nobleman, formerly renounced her American citizenship.

He's Just Bluffing



Little Scotty Chadwick, dressed for goggle-fishing, shows how to nab a sheephead with a spear at the annual tournament at Beaufort, N. C. Scotty, however, can't claim the credit. The fish was given to him by a participant.

In British Cabinet



Miss Florence Horsbrugh, member of the British parliament, recently was appointed parliamentary secretary to the minister of health—the first woman to become a minister for eight years.

Insurance Companies Make Millions Out of Workers' Misfortunes — No Protection Against Present System of Industrial Insurance

Last year three large insurance companies, Metropolitan, Prudential and John Hancock, reported "gains" of \$36,280,000 because wage earners who owned industrial life insurance policies could not pay their premiums and the policies lapsed.

During the ten-year period, 1928 to 1937, according to testimony given this week before the O'Mahoney Monopoly Committee by Dr. Donald Davenport of the Security and Exchange Commission, more than 70 per cent of all industrial life insurance policies lapsed and the policy owners got nothing. During that time, 132,000,000 of these policies lapsed and only 8,000,000 policies were terminated by death.

Profits From Pennies

These terrific losses to the wage earners who buy this form of protection went into profits of the insurance companies. Forty-four of these companies had original investments of only \$6,000,000. But out of these pennies of the workers they earned profits of \$140,000,000 in stock dividends, cash dividends and surplus.

These figures were only a few of those given the committee by Davenport. But they show the tragic picture which is unveiled week after week in thousands of homes of wage earners who cannot pay the insurance collector, because of unemployment or sickness or other disaster.

Least Fortunate Victims

Industrial insurance is the type purchased by the least fortunate of the wage earners. Much of it is purchased through payments of 5 cents and 10 cents each week and often purchased because of high-pressure salesmanship. The practices of some insurance agents are to be revealed in future hearings before the committee.

Some of the startling facts presented by Dr. Davenport and his assistant W. S. Lacy, are:

More than twenty billion dollars of industrial insurance is now in force in this country, and more than 80 per cent of this is held by the three big companies.

Billions in Lapsed Policies

More than sixty billion dollars of industrial insurance policies were terminated from 1900 to 1937.

If the percentage of "lapses" ran true to form during that period, Dr. Isidor Lubin, chief statistician for the Department of Labor, pointed out that about \$42,000,000, 000 of "face-value" in these policies were lost by the wage earners.

The lapse of policies as compared with the number of new policies written runs exceedingly high each year. Even in the strongest companies, the lapse rate will run higher than 40 per cent of new business.

Fired For Testifying

The Monopoly Committee has just reopened its inquiry into the insurance business. At an earlier hearing some of the agents for the Metropolitan testified concerning their sales practices and also about the anti-labor policies of insurance companies. Thirteen of the agents were fired.

What the committee can do to correct the conditions and to drive out of the in-

urance business that part which may be described as a "racket" is the problem. Dr. Davenport emphasized that, in the absence of some other and better form of protection, much of this industrial insurance was of value despite the excessively high price paid for it.

Statistics Show Huge Commercial Progress — Outlook Optimistic

The first 10 Class 1 railroads to report for July announced an increase in profits of 37.1 per cent over the same month last year. Gross revenues went up only 13 per cent.

The "Wall Street Journal" says that if the roads had not "adopted a plan of heavier expenditure for maintenance and rehabilitation" the profits would have been still higher. The Norfolk & Western is perhaps the best example of the way railway profits "zoomed." The carrier cleared \$2,699,333 in July this year as compared with \$1,114,194 in July last year, or much better than 100 per cent.

In the first seven months of the year the N. & W.'s profits were \$11,053,955, an increase of \$4,961,337 over the same period in 1938.

Steel output is up to 63 per cent which is the best showing made for any week since October 12, 1937.

Basing its estimates on applications for mortgage insurance the Federal Housing Administration insists that home building is on the upgrade.

Even Roger Babson, "prophet of Big Business," is a pronounced optimist.

"Business is virtually back to normal," said Roger to newspaper men on the eve of his departure for a vacation in the Far East. "If your friends say: 'Business is terrible,' they are suffering from a defeatist complex."

"Just one straw to show how the wind is blowing: The total dividends paid are 40 per cent greater for the first six months of 1939 than for the same period in 1938."

The doctor's new secretary was retyping his records when she came to this: "Shot in the lumbar region."

"Lumbar region?" she pondered.

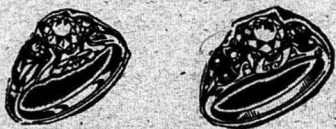
"Oh, yes, I know," and wrote down. "Shot in the woods."

WLW Tenor And Maybe Two More



Somebody had just asked Steve Merrill, tenor star of WLW's "Melody Magic" program, if the two little Merrills he holds so proudly didn't want to be singers. Two-months-old John Irwin, left, was pleased by the idea but refused to talk, while Stephen Franklin, Jr., 27 months, said "Sure!" Merrill is heard with Jimmy James and his orchestra Sundays at 6:45 p. m., EST.

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SUIT DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR

Cherry and Webb

Union Organ Does Not Believe That Business Is On Way Back to Recovery — Says the Job Belongs to the Federal Government

Unless there is a substantial expansion of business before next spring, recovery gains will be lost and there will be renewed demand for government spending.

The American Federation of Labor "Monthly Review of Business" sounded that warning this week, coupled with the observation that there are no indications that business leaders will measure up to their opportunity or their responsibility.

On the contrary, the "Review" contended, business men on whom the nation has a right to count for leadership are "as helpless as anyone else" when it comes to considering the problem of expanding productions.

Demand Heavy Price

Their only apparent objective, it was emphasized, is to make their co-operation in getting men back to work contingent on the destruction of legislation safeguarding workers.

The "Review" recalled that Avery Cooley, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, declared recently that "sound recovery depends on further positive action by Congress, whose

failure to amend the National Labor Relations Act can be considered a serious setback to business."

As desirable as recovery may be, the "Review" emphatically asserted, the Cooley's price is too large.

Mustn't Weaken Act

"If waiting for legislation to weaken the Wagner Labor Act is typical of business leadership" the "Review" declared, "we can expect little help from industry. The Labor Act cannot be weakened. Trade union organization, as guaranteed by the act, is essential to raise living standards, create purchasing power and provide a basis for sound and lasting progress and prosperity in this country."

"Those who would postpone recovery pending legislation to weaken the act are not facing the facts of today. How can we count on them to build recovery on a sound foundation?"

While business men complain that government spending is leading the country toward ruin, the "Review" asserted, they have offered nothing as a substitute.

Bethlehem Steel Co. Condemned Violator of Wagner Labor Act

In a report that pulled no punches, the National Labor Relations Board this week branded "Charley" Schwab's Bethlehem Steel Company as a "flagrant" violator of the Wagner Labor Act and as guilty of innumerable unfair labor practices. It was ordered to ditch "company unions" which operate in various Bethlehem plants.

The decision was the final chapter of the board's investigation of a strike of Bethlehem plant and railroad workers in 1938.

THUGS AND SPIES USED

The strike, the board declared, was fought in typical steel company fashion—with the employment of spies and the purchase of large stores of munitions, the bribery of public officials and the formation and financing of vigilantes under high-sounding titles.

The decision scathingly rebukes Bethlehem's relations with Mayor Daniel W. Shields of Johnstown, who turned over the city government to the steel company to use as a strike-breaking agency.

The board pointed out that Shields received \$32,000 of Schwab's cash wrapped in "brown paper packages," and that the company gave him this money because "it was aware that the best way to handle the strike situation was to create hostility on the strikers and encourage a back-to-work movement."

VIGILANTES EXPOSED

The so-called Johnstown Citizens' Committee, organized by

the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce, was exposed as a vigilante outfit, with the single purpose of breaking the strike and driving the men back to their jobs.

The "prime function" of the committee, the board said, "was that of vilifying union organizations and engendering public hostility and opposition to the strikers."

The board took the position that it had no concern with the moral aspect of turning over large sums to public officials and others, but these acts, it contended, are conclusive evidence of interference with the rights of workers under the Wagner Labor Act.

BOSS CONTROLLED UNIONS

Bethlehem controls so-called "nions" in its plants as completely as it owns the mayor of Johnstown, the report declared. The record of the company was portrayed as one of consistent antagonism to unions and of relentless opposition to the right of its employees to join organizations of their choice for bargaining purposes.

(Drop)tical Illusion

A dunk tried several times to navigate a revolving door, but finally gave up the attempt in disgust and leaned despondently against a lamp-post.

A man came along the street and walked into the door. As it revolved, the other side revealed a pretty girl stepping from it. The drunk looked intently at her and remarked:

"It's a good trick, but I still don't see wha' that guy did with his clothes."

POLLARDS

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Scot-Towel Holders, 25c
Scottisue Toilet Paper 10 rolls 79c
Paring Knives, ea. 10c
Stainless Steel Knives and Forks, ea. 10c
Floor Brooms, 35c
Dust Pans, 19c
Water Pails, 23c
Garbage Cans, \$1.49

Curtain Stretchers, \$2.25
Speedy Carpet Sweepers, \$1.00
Libbey's Safeged Water Tumblers, 45c ea.
Libbey's 9 1/4-oz. Beverage Glasses 10c ea.
Corning 9 1/4-oz. Beverage Glasses, 5c ea.
Bench Clothes Hampers \$1.89. Reg. \$3.49
Auerback Lingerie Dryer \$1.00
Four-Slice Toasters \$1.49

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EDITOR SCORNS CANDIDATES

CLERKS ABUSED

For some time past the management of Kresge's nickel-and-dime store has been bearing down on the girl clerks. Last week, however, proved the last straw and the discontent which has been steadily growing among the employees broke out into the open with a protest to the Free Press.

Due to the holiday—and, paradoxically, the holiday was Labor Day—the manager of Kresge's evidently considered it was all right to work the girls overtime. They had a day off Monday, so why should they object to being called upon to work overtime at night, was his evident line of reasoning.

Kresge's, like all these nickel-and-dime establishments—adopt the principle of ample pay for executives and the lowest possible wage and hour scale for the rank and file of their employees. Many managers of stores accumulate a small fortune before they retire. But the girls who make the managers rich are paid a niggardly pittance for one of the hardest jobs in the retail trade.

Some weeks ago a group of girl clerks at the Grand-Silver store complained to the Free Press about their treatment. The resultant expose in this newspaper brought about a quick adjustment of their plight. If the Kresge management is smart conditions at that concern will take a turn for the better, immediately, if not sooner.

However, there is only one real way in which the clerks in these 5-and-10 companies can permanently protect themselves and that is through affiliation with organized Labor.

The Central Labor Union will soon start a drive for the organization of clerks in local stores. It would prove a wise move for the girl clerks in Woolworth's, Kresge's, Newberry's and the Grand-Silver if they made application for assistance at once. They would never regret it.

POLITICAL SITUATION STILL FOGGY WITH BOTH DEMOCRATS AND G. O. P.

The week's developments in politics have not clarified the atmosphere to the degree earlier expected. The mayoralty situation with Democrats and Republicans alike is still in a rather scrambled condition.

The "harmony" meeting of the Democrats was followed by the withdrawal from the field of Former Mayor Bruin and Councillor Barrett but at press time six candidates still remained active. Bob Thomas, George Legrand, Fred Rourke, George Ashe John O'Rourke and Tom Corbett, another former chief executive, are still avowed candidates.

Two former mayors, Tom Braden and George Brown, still adorn the Republican list of candidates. "Pete" Achin and Major Win MacBryne are also thus far declared contestants for the G. O. P. ballot preference.

Less Friction

Whatever little apparent real harmony resulted from the session of the Democratic candidates, the conviction seems to prevail that there is less friction among party groups this year than has been the case in the past two city campaigns.

While the European war news has crowded practically everything else from the public mind, the undercurrent in politics is beginning to show signs of breaking through the surface calm. Little more than three weeks remain before the primary.

The Thomas forces claim a huge advance throughout the entire battle front during the past week. Apparently they have some justification for this claim. There is more Thomas talk on the street.

Led by a cagey, shrewd student of politics in the person of Johnny Regan, the friends of Bob Thomas have put in a tremendous amount of personal contact work.

The Thomas slogan is, "Thomas can win at the election." This approach has a

particular appeal to Democrats this year. After four years of Republican rule at City Hall the Democrats want to nominate a man whom they believe stands the best chance of beating the G. O. P. nominee.

George Legrand, superintendent of streets, will soon open headquarters. He has been given the green light by his physician and will stay in the race.

Legrand's personal magnetism has won him many friends during the eight years he has been in control of the street department. His grasp of city affairs is expected to attract a large following.

Fred Rourke, former assessor and city treasurer, has based his candidacy on the feeling that the Democrats may this year choose a conservative business man who knows the municipal score from experience.

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Central Labor Union To Celebrate Its 50th Birthday on Oct. 30

The Lowell Central Labor Union will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year in a manner befitting the glorious record established by this organization since its conception in 1889.

Monday, October 30th, has been set aside as the date for the dinner-dance that will mark the half-century milestone of service to organized Lowell Labor by the Central Labor Union. The affair will be held at the Memorial Auditorium.

President Edward C. Eno and the members of the executive committee have been busily engaged in making plans for the coming event since early in the summer.

The 50th birthday party of the Central Labor Union promises to be one of the finest functions that has graced Lowell in many years.

Sun Editorial Holds Up To Scorn Every Candidate Who Has Filed Papers For Coming Primary—Maybe They'd Better All Withdraw

An excerpt from the lead editorial in The Lowell Sun of last Thursday reads as follows: "... In about a month Lowell Democrats and Republicans will go to the polls to make their choices for Mayor, City Council and School Committee; AND WHILE THERE MAY NOT BE MUCH TO CHOOSE FROM, the duty of citizenship demands that the voters pay serious attention to the men and women who seek to represent them in official places."

Well, now isn't that a masterpiece to appear in any newspaper in regard to the candidates for public office? Without putting a tooth in it the editor of The Sun proceeds to tell his readers that the men and women who are running for office this fall form a pretty sorry group.

The Editor of The Sun thus states openly that he believes, without making a single exception, that the 159 candidates who have taken out nomination papers represent a very shabby cross-section of Lowell's citizenry.

The editorial ranks as the greatest wholesale insult that public office seekers in this city have ever received. The superior air which permeates the article pours salt on the wound.

Ed Eno, Veteran Labor Leader, Back at Work After Severe Illness

His legion of friends will be glad to learn that Edward C. Eno, president of the Lowell Central Labor Union for the past six years, and one of the better known Labor leaders of the state, is back at work again with the installation department of Lowell Electric Light Corporation.

Last winter "Ed" Eno's life was despaired of several times as the veteran Labor leader struggled through a touch-and-go case of bronchial pneumonia. He was ill and convalescing over a seven months period. But he has regained his health once more and shows little trace of the ravages inflicted by his long illness.

In other words, the editor of The Sun looks down upon the character, social standing or ability of all the candidates of both parties. Granted that the editor's ability as a writer is generally considered on a par with that of a school-boy, even he would not compose a sentence of that nature unless it conveyed his opinion.

The pursuit of politics does not follow an easy path. Even the best intentioned candidate and office holder is often subjected to unkindly, and even scurrilous, criticism and abuse. But never before has an entire list of candidates of both parties been autocritically consigned to the limbo of nonentity by a newspaper editor.

There's only one course left open to every candidate who filed papers for the coming primary. They should all withdraw before next Monday at five o'clock. They are "not much to choose from." Didn't the editor tell 'em?

And then after all the candidates have withdrawn, we wouldn't need any primary because there wouldn't be any candidates. And Tommy Costello could run the city for us. And we hope you candidates will give this matter your immediate sympathetic attention.

Billy Brooks Finds Business on Upswing

Business in Lowell is on the upgrade! The basis for this statement is not the Chamber of Commerce or the questionable quotation from some trade magazine but the conclusion of a representative of Labor.

Billy Brooks, business agent of the Lowell Truckies union, the best authority we know as a business barometer, says that practically all of his men are working. "Employment among local truck drivers," says Brooks, is the highest in the past 15 or 18 months.

When trucking is active, business is on the upswing. The carriers are always the best index of business.

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Polish Troops Off for the Front



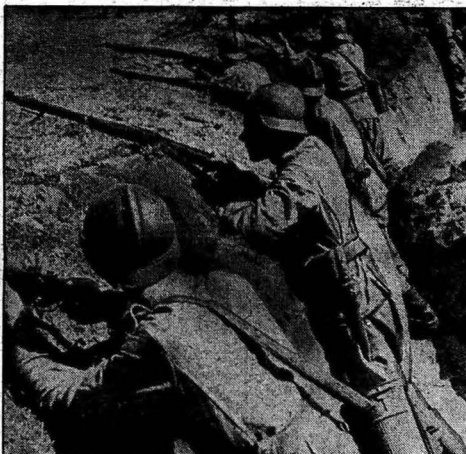
A section of the Polish army's cycling corps as they neared the Polish frontier to face German soldiers. Chief of Poland's combatant forces is General Kasimir Sosnkowski, who is outranked in authority only by President Ignacy Moscicki and Marshal Smigly-Rydz, the Polish strong man.

Leads U. S. Volunteers



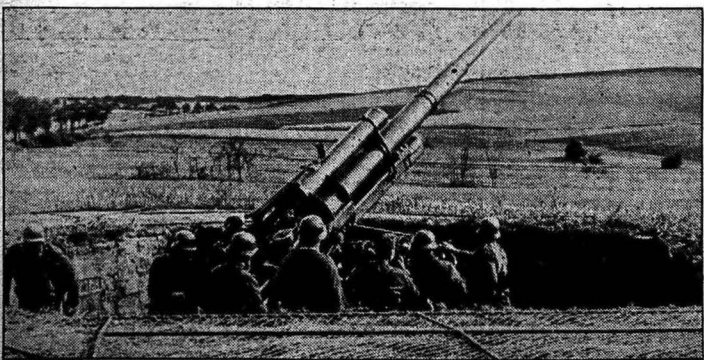
Col. Charles Sweeney is organizing a volunteer infantry division of 10,000 Americans, including American reserve officers, to fight for the democracies in the present war. Col. Sweeney organized and commanded the American volunteer force which fought for France in 1914 and says he has a nation-wide recruiting organization in the United States, through which he has more than 50,000 applications for places in this volunteer division.

Polish Troops in Front Line Trenches



Polish infantry awaiting the attack of German troops on the Polish Corridor border. President Moscicki emphasized the fact that Poland's first battles were purely defensive to establish beyond all doubt that Germany is the aggressor nation. Germany's initial land attacks were from East Prussia against Dalsadowo and Miawa; from Pomerania against Chojnice at the narrowest part of the disputed Corridor, and from Breslau against Katowice.

On Germany's Famed West Wall



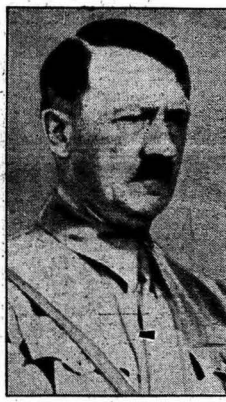
Pictured here is Germany's garrison on its famed "west wall"—the former Siegfried line, which faces France. Marksmen man an anti-aircraft gun in its above-ground emplacement on the "wall," awaiting the first sign of bombers or scouting planes.

Nice Reception Ready for Air Bombers



Ready for the bombers is this huge anti-aircraft gun, a unit of B battery, 63rd coast artillery at March Field, Calif. The weapon, manned and camouflaged from eyes above, is awaiting "enemy" bombers during a test of the aerial defenses of Southern California.

Germany's Iron Man



A recent photograph of Adolf Hitler, the iron man of Germany, who has led his nation into war. Frequent arbitration and mediation pleas made by diplomats of leading nations were ignored by the Reichsfuehrer.

Nazi Army Chieftain



Field Marshal Herman Wilhelm Goering, chief lieutenant to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler. Next to Hitler, Goering, former air minister, wields the greatest power in the Nazi army.

English Women Say Goodby



Mothers, wives and sweethearts bidding farewell to their men folk, following a general call for English mobilization.

OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

As British Minesweepers Protect Nation's Shipping



1. Paravane overboard; cuts mine anchors
2. Mines bob to surface; fired by sharpshooters
3. Buoys overboard to mark 'clean' lane

The crew of a British minesweeper at work seeking and making harmless any enemy mines that might endanger the country's shipping. At left is the paravane, a device that cuts the anchor lines of mines, permitting them to bob to the surface where they can be destroyed by gunfire. After they are exploded, buoys are put overboard to mark a "clean" area to sea.

Germany Flies Cycle Infantry to Front



Men of a German bicycle infantry are shown unloading themselves and their wheels from an army transport plane that flew them within easy cycling distance of the fighting line. This photo was passed by the German censor.

Adventurer



A chip off the old block is Quentin Roosevelt, 19, who has returned to Harvard university with some of the valuable art objects collected on his recent expedition into the wilds of Nashi, between China and Tibet.

Home Again!



Miss Joy-Allen Duncan, Richmond, Va., found herself swimming in the middle of the North sea when the Danish freighter "Konda" went down after striking a mine. Rescued after clinging to driftwood for many hours.

Iron Lung Baby



Medical history was made in Chicago when 22-year-old Mrs. Gertrude Epstein, infantile paralysis victim, successfully gave birth to a six and one-half pound baby while encased in an iron lung. The mother died the day after the operation.

Prize Calf Gets Blood Transfusion



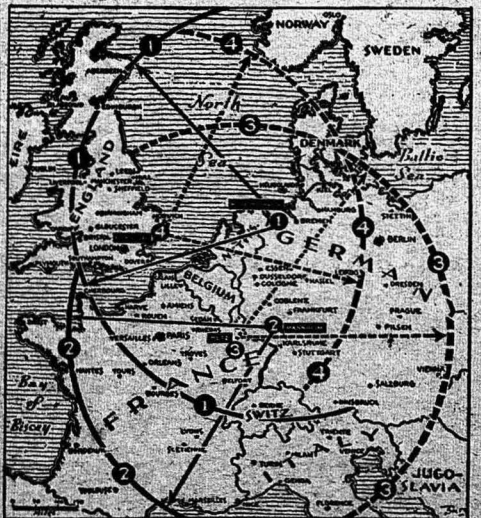
While the anxious mother stands by as blood donor, her baby, Pomona Flower, purebred Jersey calf born at the Los Angeles county fair in Pomona, gets a transfusion, one of the two that saved her life. Pomona Flower developed double pneumonia following her birth at the exposition.

Nazi Bombs Wreck American's Auto in Warsaw



Not at all pleased was Julian Bryan, noted American lecturer-photographer, as he looked over the ruins of his automobile in a shell-shattered Warsaw street. The picture was taken at the height of the siege by German troops. Bryan was the last American to leave the battered Polish capital before its downfall.

Danger Zones in Possible Air Conquest



Here's how German, French and British bombing planes would go about their errands of destruction, endangering the life of every civilian living in that territory within one of the enemy bombing "circles." From Wilhelmshaven, No. 1, and Mannheim, No. 2, would go German bombers to raid Paris, London and other cities. In retaliation, French fliers would start out from Metz, No. 3, and other bases behind the Maginot line, and British airmen would get out from Harwich, No. 4, on their egg-laying expeditions.

